BX 8957 .N7 A3
Presbyterian Church in the
U.S.A. Synod of New York.
Minutes of the ... annual
session of the Synod of Nev
1882-1896

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SYNOD OF NEW YORK,

HELD IN THE CITY OF BROOKLYN,

OCTOBER 20–23, A. D. 1896,

WITH AN APPENDIX.

PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE SYNOD UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE STATED CLERK.

NEW YORK:
CHARLES FRANCIS, PRINTER,
30–32 WEST THIRTEENTH ST.
1896.

THE OFFICERS OF THE SYNOD.

MODERATOR.

Ruling Elder Ralph E. Prime, Yonkers.

VICE-MODERATOR.

Rev. William Reed, D. D., Troy.

STATED CLERK AND TREASURER.

Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D.,
The Presbyterian Building, New York.

PERMANENT CLERK.

Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, Romulus.

TEMPORARY CLERKS.

Rev. Murray H. Gardner, Horseheads.
Rev. Horace T. Chadsey, Mapleton Station.

SYNODICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

Rev. James Norton Crocker, D. D., Saratoga Springs.

THE

SYNOD OF NEW YORK

A. D. 1896.

The Synod of New York met, agreeably to appointment, in the First Church in the City of Brooklyn, on Tuesday, the 20th day of October, A. D. 1896, at half-past seven o'clock P. M., and was opened with a sermon prepared by the Moderator, the Rev. Howard Duffield, D. D., of the Presbytery of New York, on Colossians 1: 28, "Whom we preach." In the absence of the Moderator, and at his request, the sermon was delivered by the Stated Clerk, the Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D.

After the sermon, the Synod was organized with prayer by the Vice-Moderator, Ruling Elder Ralph E. Prime, of the Presbytery of Westchester.

The roll was called, and the following Ministers and Ruling Elders were found to be present, as duly appointed delegates from the Presbyteries:

THE ROLL OF THE SYNOD.

I. PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
James Gardner, D. D.	Oliver S. Kline.
James N. Crocker, D. D.	James Rodgers.
Alfonso R. Olney, D. D.	Walter Bradshaw.
William Durant, D. D.	George Lasher.
Lewis R. Webber.	Walter Stevens.
Edward C. Wiley.	Arthur M. Peck.
Leslie R. Groves.	Peter C. Don.
John G. Lovell.	

II. PRESBYTERY OF BINGHAMTON.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
J. Lovejoy Robertson.	Alburn S. Parmelee.
Peter R. Ross.	Daniel E. Whitmore (2).
A. Cameron Mackenzie, D. D.	
Frederick Perkins.	

III. PRESBYTERY OF BOSTON.

Charles S. Dewing, D. D.	James Burke.
Robert Court, D. D.	Donald J. Lamond (2).
John E. Wildey.	John Gilchrist.
Lewis V. Price.	

IV. PRESBYTERY OF BROOKLYN.

Donald McLaren, D. D.	James M. Ham.
Charles Cuthbert Hall, D. D.	Robert Henderson.
Louis Wolferz (2).	George H. Southard.
James N. Grace.	Augustus W. Sexton (2).
William H. Hudnut.	William McCarroll (2).
	Marvin Briggs.
	Charles Henderson.

V. PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO.

Samuel T. Clarke (2).	Horace Briggs.
William S. Hubbell, D. D.	John Hamilton.
James S. Moore.	John E. Myer.
George H. Marsh.	Joseph C. Batchelor.
Henry W. Tolson (2).	
John D. Campbell.	

VI. PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA.

Almon R. Hewitt.	Richard H. Bloom.
Wallace B. Lucas, D. D.	Edward P. Gilbert.
Henry Schlosser.	
Edward H. Adriance.	

VII. PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN.

Richard G. McCarthy.	Elijah B. Hedding.
Joseph Gamble, D. D.	
William Armitage Beardslee (2).	
Norman McLeod.	

VIII. PRESBYTERY OF CHEMUNG.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Isaac Jennings, D. D.	Orlando R. Borthwick (2).
Charles H. Kilmer.	Matthew H. Gray (2).
Murray H. Gardner.	George M. Welles.

IX. PRESBYTERY OF CHILE.

X. PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA.

George LeFevre (3).	L. Carlton Austin.

XI. PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN PERSIA.

XII. PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE.

	Hon. Edward C. Walker.
	Harwood A. Dudley.

XIII. PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA.

William H. Webb, D. D.	Cassius N. McFarren.
N. Beall Remick, D. D.	Aurelius M. Dickerson.
William W. Weller.	Lyman E. Jacobus.
J. Jones Lawrence.	Joseph F. Kaul.

XIV. PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON.

Thomas Nichols (3).	Henry M. Reynolds.
David F. Bonner, D. D.	John W. Vervalen.
Thomas B. Thomas.	George H. King.
Robert H. McCready, Ph. D.	Charles B. Roe.
James R. Mann.	Joseph W. Young.
Adolf F. Pape.	

XV. PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND.

James B. Finch.	Orrin F. Payne.
Clarence H. Wilson.	William J. Post.
Frederick G. Beebe.	Jesse D. Hawkins.

XVI. PRESBYTERY OF LYONS.

A. Parke Burgess, D. D. (2).	E. Kingsley Hitchcock.
George W. Newman.	John W. Atwood.
Herman B. Mayo.	

XVII. PRESBYTERY OF NASSAU.

Joshua J. Wolf.	John Hanson.
William H. Hendrickson.	Isaac C. Hendrickson.
Frank M. Kerr (2).	Nicholas Everitt.
Edward J. Lloyd (2).	

XVIII. PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Henry B. Elliott, D. D.	George R. Lockwood (2).
Andrew Shiland, D. D.	Richard Drummond (2).
Joseph Sanderson, D. D.	E. Francis Hyde (2).
Alexander McLean, D. D.	William E. Magie.
George Nixon.	John G. Bogert (2).
James G. Patterson, D. D.	Henry W. Jessup.
Horace G. Miller.	James Tompkins.
Henry M. Tyndall (2).	John Stewart.
Abbott L. R. Waite.	Frederick Blume.
	Jacob J. Vreeland.

XIX. PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA.

Erastus W. Twichell.	Christopher M. Young (2).
Horace T. Chadsey.	
Albert S. Bacon (2).	

XX. PRESBYTERY OF NORTH LAOS.

XXI. PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER.

Julius Straus.	Charles E. Bingham.
Wallace W. Thorpe.	Benjamin P. Wayne.
Plato T. Jones.	Charles B. Warring.
Alexander R. Barron.	John Dales.

XXII. PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO.

Albro L. Greene (2).	William E. Miller.
Robert I. MacBride.	
Eugene V. Ostrander.	

XXIII. PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER.

Levi Parsons, D. D.	William A. Hubbard.
Horace P. V. Bogue, D. D.	George W. Davis.
Henry H. Stebbins, D. D.	John R. Strang.
Gerard B. F. Hallock, D. D. (3).	Edgar Benedict (3).
George V. Reichel.	
Arthur M. Smith.	
Frank E. Bancroft.	

XXIV. PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
L. Merrill Miller, D. D.	James M. Thrall.
John Jay Crane.	W. Webster Leonard.
Allen Macy Dulles, D. D. (3).	
James Robertson.	

XXV. PRESBYTERY OF SIAM.

XXVI. PRESBYTERY OF STEUBEN.

Edward M. Deems, Ph. D.	John Knox Miller.
Frank S. Swan.	James Craig.
George W. Warren.	Josiah W. Owens.
Robert Clements.	Clinton H. Miner.

XXVII. PRESBYTERY OF SYRACUSE.

George B. Spalding, D.D., LL.D.	Gilbert Mollison.
	Albert R. Walker.
	D. Burr Giddings (2).
	Hon. George G. French.
	James W. Eager (2).
	Israel Parsons, M. D.

XXVIII. PRESBYTERY OF TROY.

Theophilus P. Sawin, D. D. (2).	Aaron H. Graves.
Donald MacGregor (2).	William H. Wilcox.
William Reed, D. D.	Mallory D. Schoonmaker.
John J. Henning.	Alexander Williamson.
Charles H. Walker.	Frederick T. Platt.
	John O. Wing.
	John H. Traver.

XXIX. PRESBYTERY OF UTICA.

Jeremiah Petrie.	Gilbert J. Caldwell.
Horace H. Allen.	James Stark.
Dana W. Bigelow.	William S. Armstrong.
Richard Abbott.	
Joseph D. Ibbotson, Jr.	

XXX. PRESBYTERY OF WESTCHESTER.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
John T. Wills, D. D.	Edward F. Parsons, M. D.
Richard P. H. Vail, D. D.	Henry White.
Henry A. Davenport.	Henry Parsons.
George William Knox, D. D.	Ralph E. Prime.
Charles S. Lane.	Thomas G. Ritch (2).
Arthur Requa.	A. Noel Blakeman.
George R. Cutting.	Hezekiah King.

XXXI. PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN PERSIA.

The Rev. James Gardner, D. D., of the Presbytery of Albany, the last Moderator present, was called to the chair, and presided during the election of a Moderator.

Ruling Elder Ralph E. Prime, of the Presbytery of Westchester, was elected Moderator by a unanimous vote, and was duly inducted into office.

The Rev. Murray H. Gardner, of the Presbytery of Chemung, and the Rev. Horace T. Chadsey, of the Presbytery of Niagara, were chosen Temporary Clerks.

The Rev. Chas. Cuthbert Hall, D. D., Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, extended a cordial welcome to the Synod, and was followed by the Moderator in a suitable response.

The Committee of Arrangements presented the following recommendations, which were adopted:

1. That the daily sessions be from half-past nine o'clock A. M. until twelve o'clock noon, and from two o'clock P. M. until five o'clock P. M.

2. That the daily devotional services, at half-past nine o'clock A. M., be held in the Lecture-room of the Church, to continue for half an hour, and to be conducted on Wednesday by the Rev. William S. Hubbell, D.D., on Thursday by the Rev. Joseph Gamble, D. D., and on Friday by the Rev. Theophilus P. Sawin, D. D.

3. That the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be administered in the Church on Wednesday, at two o'clock P. M., the service to be conducted by the Rev. Henry H. Stebbins, D. D., and the Rev. Richard P. H. Vail, D. D., assisted by Ruling Elders Charles Henderson, Henry Ide, Horatio P. Dyer, Edwin Packer, George R. Lockwood, John Dales, Mallory D. Schoonmaker and Hezekiah King; and that the members of the Woman's Committee on Home Missions be invited to unite in the service.

4. That delegates be requested to present their railway certificates on Thursday, in order to obtain reduced rates for return tickets, as a member of the Committee, and a representative of the Trunk Line Association will be in attendance on that day only.

5. That on the invitation of the Committee of Arrangements, the members of the Synod visit and inspect the City Park Branch of the First Church on Wednesday, between the hours of twelve and two, special arrangements to be made for transportation to the City Park Branch, where a luncheon will be served.

6. That on Wednesday, at half-past four o'clock P. M., the Rev. Edward C. Ray, D. D., be heard on behalf of the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies.

7. That on Wednesday, at half-past seven P. M., a popular meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions be held, in the Church; Darwin R. James, Esq., to preside, and addresses to be delivered by the Rev. Frank F. Ellinwood, D. D., of the Board, the Rev. William S. Bannerman, of Africa, and the Rev. George Alexander, D. D., of New York.

8. That on Thursday, at half-past eleven A. M., the Rev. David J. Satterfield, D. D., be heard in behalf of the Board of Missions for Freedmen.

9. That on Thursday, at half-past seven P. M., a popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions be held in the Church; John Crosby Brown, Esq., to preside, and addresses to be made by the Rev. William C. Roberts, D. D., of the Board, the Rev. Robert M. Donaldson, of Wooster, Ohio, and the Rev. John Hall, D. D., of New York.

10. That a communication from the Woman's National Sabbath Alliance be heard at the convenience of the Synod.

11. That in view of the interesting fact that the Rev. Richard S. Storrs, D. D., LL. D., is about to complete fifty years of pastoral service in the neighboring Church of the Pilgrims; and in view of the wide and rich usefulness of Dr. Storrs as a Minister of the Lord Jesus Christ, and his eminence in missionary affairs as the President of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, the Synod invite the Rev. Richard S. Storrs, D. D., LL. D., to sit as a corresponding member; that it appoint a Committee to prepare a suitable expression of congratulation and affection to be addressed to Dr. Storrs; and that the presentation of this address be made the order of the day at half-past ten o'clock A. M. on Thursday.

Adjourned until Wednesday, at half-past nine o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 21, 9:30 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and delegates not previously enrolled, (marked 2), were reported as being present.

The minutes of Tuesday's session were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the REV. WILLIAM REED, D. D., of the Presbytery of Troy, as Vice-Moderator, and also the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. BILLS AND OVERTURES:

Ministers—Charles Cuthbert Hall, Alfonso R. Olney, Charles S. Lane, Joseph Gamble, William W. Weller, George B. Spalding, J. Lovejoy Robertson, William Durant, James G. Patterson, James N. Crocker, Edward M. Deems.

Elders—Horace Briggs, Edward C. Walker, Gilbert Mollison, Henry Parsons, L. Carlton Austin, John Gilchrist, James M. Thrall, John Stewart, Hezekiah King.

2. JUDICIAL BUSINESS:

Ministers—James Gardner, Levi Parsons, L. Merrill Miller, William S. Hubbell, A. Cameron Mackenzie, George R. Cutting, Clarence H. Wilson, Charles S. Dewing.

Elders—Edward P. Gilbert, Lyman E. Jacobus, John R. Strang, A. Noel Blakeman, James Stark, Robert Henderson, Aaron H. Graves, Frederick Blume.

3. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Ministers—Almon R. Hewitt, George H. Marsh, Plato T. Jones.

Elders—Israel Parsons, Joseph C. Batchelor.

4. Finance:

Elders—Mallory D. Schoonmaker, Cassius N. McFarren, Charles Henderson, John Dales, E. Kingsley Hitchcock.

5. Leave of Absence:

Ministers—George Nixon, Norman McLeod, Arthur M. Smith.

Elders—William E. Miller, W. Webster Leonard.

6. Nomination of Visitors to Colleges, etc.:

Ministers—N. Beall Remick, David F. Bonner, William Reed, Joshua J. Wolf, Wallace W. Thorpe.

Elders—John E. Myer, Clinton H. Miner, Henry W. Jessup, William A. Hubbard.

7. Nomination of Woman's Committee on Home Missions:

Ministers—Isaac Jennings, Eugene V. Ostrander, Charles H. Walker, George W. Newman, John E. Wildey.

Elders—James Tompkins, Josiah W. Owens, Albert R. Walker, Joseph F. Kaul.

8. Nomination of Trustees of the Synod, etc.:

Ministers—Richard P. H. Vail, Horace P. V. Bogue, Richard G. McCarthy, Horace H. Allen, Abbott L. R. Waite.

Elders—Alburn S. Parmelee, Richard H. Bloom, George M. Welles, Peter C. Don.

9. To Collate the Reports on the Records of the Presbyteries:

Ministers—Robert Court, Dana W. Bigelow, Henry Schlosser.

Elders—George G. French, Gilbert J. Caldwell.

On the Records of the Presbyteries:

1. Albany: *Ministers*—George W. Knox, Herman B. Mayo; *Elder*—Jesse D. Hawkins.

2. Binghamton: *Ministers*—Henry A. Davenport, Julius Straus; *Elder*—Henry White.

3. Boston: *Ministers*—Wallace B. Lucas, James S. Moore; *Elder*—Aurelius M. Dickerson.

4. Brooklyn: *Ministers*—William H. Webb, John D. Campbell; *Elder*—Elijah B. Hedding.

5. Buffalo: *Ministers*—William Durant, J. Jones Lawrence; *Elder*—George Lasher.

6. Cayuga: *Ministers*—Edward C. Wiley, Frederick Perkins; *Elder*—James Burke.

7. Champlain: *Ministers*—Leslie R. Groves, James B. Finch; *Elder*—Matthew H. Gray.

8. Chemung: *Ministers*—Alexander R. Barron, John G. Lovell; *Elder*—George W. Davis.

9. Chile: [No Records.]

10. Columbia: *Ministers*—John J. Henning, Richard Abbott; *Elder*—John O. Wing.

11. Eastern Persia: *Ministers*—Richard Abbott, Peter R. Ross; *Elder*—Frederick Blume.

12. Genesee: *Ministers*—Robert Clements, Frank E. Bancroft; *Elder*—Walter Bradshaw.

13. Geneva: *Ministers*—Erastus W. Twichell, Albro L. Greene; *Elder*—James Rodgers.

14. Hudson: *Ministers*—Frederick G. Beebe, Robert I. Mac Bride; *Elder*—William E. Magie.

15. Long Island: *Ministers*—Joseph Sanderson, James Robertson; *Elder*—John Hanson.

16. Lyons: *Ministers*—Lewis V. Price, William H. Hudnut; *Elder*—Marvin Briggs.

17. Nassau: *Ministers*—Edward H. Adriance, Charles H. Kilmer; *Elder*—Arthur M. Peck.

18. New York: *Ministers*—Samuel T. Clarke, Arthur Requa; *Elder*—Henry White.

19. Niagara: *Ministers*—John T. Wills, James S. Moore; *Elder*—James M. Ham.

20. North Laos: *Ministers*—Horace T. Chadsey, James Robertson; *Elder*—Israel Parsons.

21. North River: *Ministers*—Alexander McLean, David F. Bonner; *Elder*—John Hamilton.

22. Otsego: *Ministers*—John G. Lovell, Adolf F. Pape; *Elder*—Joseph W. Young.

23. Rochester: *Ministers*—Lewis R. Webber, Jeremiah Petrie; *Elder*—Oliver S. Kline.

24. St. Lawrence: *Ministers*—George V. Reichel, Frank S. Swan; *Elder*—Walter Bradshaw.

25. Siam: [No Records.]

26. Steuben: *Ministers*—Albert S. Bacon, John J. Crane; *Elder*—George M. Davis.

27. Syracuse: *Ministers*—Joseph D. Ibbotson, Jr., John C. Wildey; *Elder*—James Burke.

28. Troy: *Ministers*—Robert H. McCready, James N. Grace; *Elder*—John W. Vervalen.

29. Utica: *Ministers*—William H. Hendrickson, Andrew Shiland; *Elder*—Nicholas Everitt.

30. Westchester: *Ministers*—Henry B. Elliott, Horace G. Miller; *Elder*—Benjamin P. Wayne.

31. Western Persia: [No Records.]

Overtures, Memorials, Appeals and Complaints were called for, and the papers presented were placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk.

The Committee to prepare a congratulatory address to the Rev. Richard S. Storrs, D.D., LL.D., was appointed as follows: *Ministers*—Henry H. Stebbins, Charles Cuthbert Hall, William S. Hubbell; *Elders*—Edward C. Walker, Edward P. Gilbert.

The Moderator was added to the Committee.

The following message was received:

The South Classis of Long Island, of the Reformed Church in America, in session in Brooklyn, sends greeting to the Synod of New York, and bids it God-speed in every good word and work.

The Stated Clerk was requested to send an appropriate response.

Papers were reported by the Stated Clerk, and referred, as follows:

To the Committee on Bills and Overtures:

1. A Petition of the Church of Jefferson to be transferred from the Presbytery of Albany to the Presbytery of Otsego.

2. A communication from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, calling the attention of the Synod to the Assembly's instructions regarding Synodical care for the religious welfare of Presbyterian students in secular Institutions.

3, 4, 5. Overtures from the Presbyteries of Albany, Geneva and Utica in regard to the time and place of the meetings of the Missionary Congress.

6, 7, 8. Overtures from the Presbyteries of Albany, Nassau and Steuben asking for changes in the Plan of Sustentation or Synodical Aid.

9. A Petition from the churches of Holyoke and Springfield, in the Presbytery of Boston, for a change in the boundary between the Presbyteries of Boston and Westchester.

To the Committee on Judicial Business:

1. A Petition purporting to be from Mr. Charles E. Cochrane, submitting a question of discipline to the Synod, and praying for certain instructions to the Presbytery of New York.

2. A Complaint of Rev. J. Ford Sutton, D.D., and others, against the Presbytery of New York, for its action in adopting, April 27, 1896, a certain answer to a deliverance of the General Assembly passed May 23, 1895.

The Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented the following report, which was accepted and amended, and its recommendations were adopted:

Despite the business depression of the past year, we are able to report substantial gains in gifts to church objects, and we believe that the giving has been more general. We submit the following tables:

I. A Comparative View of the Total Gifts of the Synod.

BOARDS, ETC.	1895.	1896.	Loss.	Gain.
Home Missions	$301,168	$303,302	.....	$2,134
oreign Missions	176,601	194,069	.....	17,468
Education	16,980	17,917	.....	937
Sunday School Work	32,703	31,440	$1,263	.....
Church Erection	22,106	22,540	.....	434
Relief Fund	22,982	23,360	.....	378
Freedmen	23,423	24,473	.....	1,050
Sustentation	13,537	12,260	1,277	.....
Aid for Colleges	20,230	13,963	15,267	.....
Total	$638,730	$643,324	$17,807	$22,401
General Assembly	15,553	16,393	.....	840
Congregational	2,110,086	2,310,367	.....	200,281
Anniversary Reunion Fund	.....	92,243	.....	92,243
Miscellaneous	243,944	219,635	24,309	.....
Grand Total	$3,008,313	$3,281,962	$42,116	$315,765

II. Comparison of the Actual Receipts of the Boards.

BOARDS.	1895.	1896.	Loss.	Gain.
Home Missions	$145,680	$134,202	$11,478	.....
Foreign Missions	98,503	94,875	3,628	.....
Education	1 348	12,560	2,788	.....
Sunday School Work	17,798	15,482	2,316	.....
Church Erection	13,572	12,869	703	.....
Relief Fund	24,548	21,110	3,438	.....
Freedmen	23,068	21,218	1,850	.....
Sustentation	11,100	12,260	.....	$1,160
Aid for Colleges	9,522	7,104	,418	.....
Total	$359,139	$331,680	$28,619	$1,160

III. Comparison of Payments by the Boards to the Synod.

BOARDS.	1895.	1896.	Decrease.	Increase.
Home Missions	$37,299	$36,391	$908	.....
Education	6,568	6,374	194	.....
Church Erection	3,100	6,500	.....	$3,400
Relief Fund	19,560	18,710	850	.....
Total	$66,527	975	$1,952	$3,400

IV. Comparison of Rates per Member.

OBJECTS.	1895.	1896.	Loss	Gain.	Entire Church in 1895.	Entire Church in 1896.
To all objects	$17.40	$18 53	.....	$1.13	$14.79	$14.99
To Congregational Expenses and General Assembly	12 29	13 08	.....	.79	10 85	11.13
To Benevolence at Large	5 10	5.39	.....	.29	3.94	3.86
To the Boards of the Church	2.08	2.39	.....	.31	.....	.90

V. Comparison of Presbyteries.

PRESBYTERIES.	Number of Churches	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Sunday School Work.	Church Erection.	Relief Fund.	Freedmen.	Synodical Aid.	Aid for Colleges.	Anniv. Reunion Fund.	Number of Blanks.	Possible Collections.	Actual Collections.
Albany	50	6	5	11	8	14	11	11	9	15	14	104	450	346
Binghamton	30	5	6	10	6	10	8	10	14	10	2	81	270	189
Boston	42	4	3	16	12	16	16	17	34	22	12	152	378	226
Brooklyn	36	2	3	6	3	8	7	6	14	11	14	74	324	250
Buffalo	48	4	10	19	12	21	21	21	28	22	34	192	432	240
Cayuga	23	1	2	7	2	11	6	7	5	9	3	53	207	154
Champlain	24	5	4	11	8	12	13	12	12	15	9	101	216	115
Chemung	23	3	6	14	5	15	14	12	14	15	7	105	207	102
Columbia	19	3	4	8	5	9	7		5	8	4	60	171	111
Genesee	20	2	3	8	7	8	6	5	6	10	6	61	180	119
Geneva	22	3	4	5	3	5	5	4	5	5	2	41	198	157
Hudson	43	4	4	8	8	7	6	7	16	9	8	77	387	310
Long Island	24	1	2	6	5	6	4	5	6	6	4	45	216	171
Lyons	18	0	1	3	3	5	6	4	7	7	8	44	162	118
Nassau	26	1	1	6	5	8	6	7	7	9	26	76	234	158
New York	54	6	4	16	9	17	13	16	37	28	17	163	486	323
Niagara	21	0	0	6	4	8	6	6	8	9	7	54	189	135
North River	29	0	0	8	2	8	5	4	7	10	6	50	261	211
Otsego	27	3	4	15	10	15	13	12	12	19	4	107	243	136
Rochester	47	3	3	17	6	16	11	9	16	19	13	113	423	310
St. Lawrence	31	1	1	7	7	9	9	7	7	13	5	66	279	213
Steuben	26	1	3	7	4	6	6	9	10	10	7	63	234	171
Syracuse	44	5	8	20	10	24	18	15	19	22	16	157	396	139
Troy	41	1	7	19	5	15	15	16	14	20	8	120	69	249
Utica	45	3	9	17	5	16	14	13	17	22	9	125	405	280
Westchester	38	3	2	8	2	6	4	7	8	11	9	60	342	282
Total	851	70	99	278	156	295	250	249	337	356	254	2344	7659	5315

From the above tables we may set down as encouragements:

1. There has been a gain in gifts to all objects of $273,649, an average per member of $1.13.

2. To objects represented by the Boards, exclusive of the Anniversary Reunion Fund, there has been a gain of $4,594, and, including the Reunion Fund, of $96,837.

3. This Synod still leads the Church in every department of Beneficence. The whole Church in 1896 gave an average of $14.99 per member to all objects, and this Synod, $18.53; to Beneficence at large, the whole Church, $3.86, and this Synod, $5.39.

4. The number of offerings shows an encouraging increase, four hundred and nineteen more offerings having been made this year than last.

On the other hand, we may note the following as discouragements:

1. Not counting the Reunion Fund, there continues to be a falling off in actual gifts to the Boards. Except a trifling gain of $1,160 to Sustentation, every Board reports a loss, the total being $27,459.

2. We have drawn from the Boards this year $1,448 more than last year.

The one fact that makes us especially anxious is the falling off in the gifts to the Boards. There is a dismal monotony in the returns for the past eight years. With the exception of a gain in 1891, and a very slight one in 1895, there has been a steady decrease in these gifts. In 1889 the Synod sent directly to the Boards $389,293; in 1896, $331,680. In the meantime the Synod has grown from about 160,000 communicants to 177,000. That is to say, while the Synod has increased in numbers ten per cent. in eight years, it has fallen off over sixteen per cent. in gifts to the Boards. Moreover, the Synod has not only failed to advance proportionately to its increase in strength, it has given actually less; and at the same time congregational expenses have steadily increased. Thus it has been spending every year more upon itself and less upon the Benevolence of the Church. This must mean, either that the Churches are somewhat indifferent to the Benevolent work of the Church, or that they lack confidence in the management of the Boards. We do not believe it can be the latter, although there is always criticism to be heard. But much of such criticism is based upon misinformation, and much is the outcome of a fault-finding temperament. We are sure that on the whole the Churches have full confidence in the Boards, and believe that the Benevolent work of the Church is administered wisely and economically. The trouble, then, must be indifference; and the responsibility for this rests not so much upon the people themselves, as upon those who are supposed to instruct and lead them. It is our deliberate judgment, that the reason why the Churches do not support the Boards more generously is that the Ministers are not as faithful or as earnest as they should be in urging the claims of the Boards upon their people. We find a large number of strong and influential Churches that have failed in contributions to one or more of the Boards. Some of these are among the largest in the Synod, and most of them return this kind of a report year after year. They have fallen into the habit of not giving, and it is hard to shake it off. They have been under the control of men who have managed them carelessly or unwisely.

How shall we get these Churches out of this bad habit? By arousing their leaders, Ministers and Elders, to a deeper interest and a warmer enthusiasm. Does any one suppose that if these Churches were appealed to, in the name of Christ and for the honor of His Church, to support and stand by the work of the Church, they would fail to respond? Here are Home Missionaries doing the hardest work of the Church, sacrificing, struggling, suffering, trying to bring up families of children on $600 or $700 a year, and this salary often in arrears six months, and in many cases actually reduced. The most dishonorable thing the Church can do, is to refuse or neglect to stand by the men who are toiling in the Home and Foreign fields, and in other departments of Church work. Heresy hurts the Church, but indifference hurts it more; and while we do not care for heresy trials, we should be glad to see any ministers, who neglect or refuse to support to their utmost the Benevolent work of the Church, brought to trial and condemned as practically heretics. We ought to pay the servants of the Church well,—more instead of less,—and pay them

promptly. To accomplish this, we must all do our just share. We do not ask the Churches to submit to any hard or grinding sacrifice; only that every Church shall give systematically and conscientiously, according to its ability, to every Board. If every Minister in this Synod should make it his business to press this matter upon his people, not once or twice, but as often as shall be necessary to make them feel the need and importance of it, there can be little doubt that the Boards would have more than they ask for.

Last year we recommended "That the Presbyteries be instructed to keep a roll of the Churches which have failed to make a contribution to every Board, and to inquire into the reason of such failure." How faithfully the Presbyteries have lived up to this we do not know, but we believe the plan is working well. Last year we had 2,509 blanks in the Assembly columns; this year there are but 2,090; a gain of nearly twenty per cent. in one year.

We have spoken thus frankly because something must be done to stop the downward movement which has been going on for some years; and because we feel sure that the defect will be remedied as soon as it is clearly understood. We want to excite a noble pride and a generous rivalry among our Churches, as to which shall be the most forward in this good work. It is not an occasional burst of generosity that tells, but steady, systematic, conscientious giving. Reunion funds and the like are good things for an emergency; but the regular work of the Church can be sustained only by regular gifts. The Boards will not be lifted out of debt, and kept out, until the principle of systematic and proportionate giving becomes a recognized and active principle in all our Churches and all our homes. We must hammer on this one nail until the nail be driven in. We must harp on this one string until the dullest ear in the Synod hears the sound.

It is recommended:

1. That Presbyteries be urged to observe the recommendation of the Synod with respect to inquiring into the reason of neglect on the part of Churches to make offerings to the Boards.

2. That we urge the active co-operation of our Presbyteries, in carrying out the recommendation of the Assembly in the matter of the apportionment of sums to be raised from regular Church offerings for the various Boards; with the understanding that this apportionment represents the minimum of offerings expected from each Presbytery.

3. That as information concerning the Benevolent work of the Church is the only true basis for intelligent giving, an effort be made to place the *Assembly Herald* in the homes of all our people.

4. That the Synod direct every Session to give an opportunity to the congregation under its charge to make an offering for each Board of the Church at least once a year.

5. That the Synod's Committee be directed to forward to the Pastors and Sessions of all our Churches such a letter as will bring before them their duty and privilege in this most important work of Systematic Beneficence.

6. That the Treasurer of the Synod be authorized to pay the Committee twenty dollars for its necessary expenses during the year.

The Rev. John E. Wheeler, D.D., of the Synod of California, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Permanent Committee on Synodical Aid presented its report, which was accepted, and action upon its recommendations was deferred.

The Synodical Superintendent, Rev. James N. Crocker, D.D., addressed the Synod, and presented his report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

Report of the year's work is herewith submitted, as far as figures can express it:

Visits to congregations,	92	Aided in installations,	2
Sermons,	127	Received members,	14
Baptisms,	9	Funerals,	
Lord's Supper,	6	Miles traveled,	17,145
Letters and cards,	2,377	Expenses, including bal. of last year	$653 50
Visits to Presbyteries,	17	Received,	$517.25

Public addresses, and conferences with congregations, Sessions and trustees, have been frequent. In addition, the work has involved the usual duties of the pastorate, visiting families, ministering to the aged and sick in congregations where there has been no pastor, and aiding in the Sabbath Schools, Christian Endeavor meetings, and prayer meetings. Old Churches that have been closed have been visited and, in some cases, resuscitated. Communities that were unsupplied have been visited and canvassed, and, in a few instances, measures have been taken to organize churches. A diligent effort has been made so to maintain and prosecute the work of our Church throughout the State, that we may not come behind the standard of sister denominations in loyalty to the Great Head of the Church, and diligence in doing the work which He has assigned us.

A large degree of attention has been given to imparting information to ministers and Churches with reference to pulpit supply. A close correspondence has been conducted with Stated Clerks, chairmen of committees, Sessions, and Ministers, to the end that Ministers and Churches may be aided in arranging with reference to the pastorate, and for the protection of Churches against unworthy men who seek the pastorate to fleece the flock. It has been painful often that, in the stringency of the times, help could not be given to struggling Churches and worthy men as the heart desired. But a strong effort has been made to make effective the Presbyterian polity through the Presbyterial agency which we believe to be much better than any other.

There have been many things to encourage: the cordial sympathy and helpfulness of Presbyteries, chairmen of committees and Ministers; the favor of the strong Churches in opening their pulpits for supply, and the warm greetings of the weaker Churches to which we especially minister. The labors

have been arduous, the miles traveled many and not always in pleasant sunshine, but the greetings of co-workers, and a warm Christian hospitality, with God's continuous blessing, have rested all weariness, and left only a delightful retrospect.

The things to be regretted, and to be overcome if possible, are financial depression and the failure of the Churches to raise their whole quota, other causes having pressed hard, because of debts, and the special effort for the million-dollar fund diverting attention from the Synodical Aid Fund. Therefore we have to say again that Churches are now closed for want of funds to support the ministrations of grace.

With thanks for Christian greetings, and brotherly co-operation and help, to the chairman and members of the Permanent Committee, and above all to God for His care, this report is respectfully submitted.

A recess was taken until half past two o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 21, 2:30 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered according to arrangement.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The Committee on the Observance of the Lord's Day presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted:

It is fair to presume that the Synod is sufficiently well established in its convictions of the sacredness of the Lord's Day, to need no special glorification of its character, or official recognition of its obligations. What this report proposes is to present a practical statement of what the Church has done, and can do legitimately in the way of securing a better observance of the day of worship and of rest.

1. *What has been done?* The following resolution was referred last year to your committee: "*Resolved*, that we call attention to the fact that the American Presbyterian Church is an historic and standing protest against the prevalent Sabbath desecration." Documentary evidence might be multiplied, from deliverances of Assemblies, that our Church, from its organization, has been a staunch advocate of the obligations of the Christian Sabbath, and its expediency as the divinely-appointed day for holy service and human rest. We commend to the careful, studious attention, alike of the clergy and the laity, the summary of those deliverances, as contained in Dr. Moore's Digest, under Chapter I of the Directory for Worship, "On the sanctification of the Lord's Day." Our Church, moreover, has taken no second place in its co-operation with Societies, Unions, and Leagues, which have come with power, to sustain

the divine authority and universal and perpetual obligation of the Sabbath. If the practice of our people at large were consistent with the principles advocated by the standards and enjoined by the ecclesiastical courts, there would be little need of the continuance of a committee, from year to year, to put them in remembrance of these things. And even though there is great need of reform in this matter, your committee questions the expediency and utility of the annual appointment of such a committee, to effect that which can be achieved only by the Church acting as a committee of the whole.

Observation and experience testify that if our people at large know these things, they are far from being established in the present truth; that the Lord's Day is often "more honored in the breach, than in the observance;" and that consequently there is a deplorable disregard of the requirements of the day, both as to the duty of divine worship, and of cessation from the ordinary avocations and occupations of secular days. It therefore lies legitimately within the prerogative of the Church to make the documentary legislation, which abounds in her standards and deliverances, to be not only an historic, standing protest against prevalent Sabbath desecration, but a present, positive, and active influence toward the better observance of the day.

2. *How can this best be done?* It appears useless to utter wholesale denunciations and hopeless expostulations against specific forms of Sabbath desecration, which are simply narratives of what the world will always run after, and which serve as advertisements of its schemes. While we should be ready always to co-operate in the enforcement of laws for the preservation of the Sabbath, and for securing better legislation, our higher aim should be to lay the foundation for a voluntary defence of its sacred institutions, by raising up a generation grounded in religious principles, which shall love the Sabbath, and prefer its being sacredly kept, because it finds pleasure in its holy and prayerful occupations, "Calling the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable." Our ministers should make it their steady effort to lead the people to an intelligent appreciation of the connection between the Sabbath and the prosperity of the nation, and the inestimable blessings to the individual, the family, and the Church which hang on it as a day of religious observance.

How far certain recreations and other practices interfere with the due worship and reverence of God, is a most difficult matter to determine. A wholesale veto is easy, but hardly wise. We must recognize the fact that while principles never change, the application of them may be modified by altered conditions. The observance of the Sabbath, according to the conception and practice of our Lord, was not the same as prevailed in the simple life of the desert; and an age and civilization like ours, with their highly artificial life, especially in cities, may make it impossible or inexpedient to apply rules, or insist upon ideals, which to our forefathers seemed essential. We must be guided by a Christian conscience, enlightened by the example of Christ and the teachings of His word. "'I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day' seems to be the soul of the Christian Sabbath" (Cecil). What we most need in order to preserve the holy integrity of the Lord's Day is a "renewing of the Holy

Ghost, which He sheds on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour." To accomplish the end it will be wise to insist, not so much on the obligations of the Fourth Commandment, however binding, as upon the requirements of the new commandment of love for the Redeemer, and of loyalty to the Lord of the Sabbath. The Resurrection of Christ, with its concomitant grace and blessing, is the only ground upon which the Church can intelligently base the requirements of the Lord's Day. And as the Gospel is brighter with hope and prophecies of liberty than the Law, as redemption by the blood of His Son is a greater work of God than creation by the word of His power, as the Resurrection of Christ is fuller of comfort and promise than the memories of Genesis, so the Lord's Day, which signalizes and seals the privileges and liberties of the New Covenant (Calvin calls it the "Sacrament of Regeneration"), should be held more sacred in its privileges, more binding in its obligations, more beneficent in its influence than the Sabbath of the old dispensation. And whatever conduces to the spiritual worship and service of God, whatever conduces to the truest rest in body and mind of the whole man, for whom the Sabbath was made, to the refreshment and re-creation of his spirit, is within the law of Christ, who "will have mercy and not sacrifice" always. It is recommended:

1. That the attention of our people be called to the deliverances of the General Assembly on the Sanctification of the Lord's Day, with an earnest exhortation to obey the injunctions of them that are over them in the Lord.

2. That as a Church we pledge our hearty co-operation, as far as legitimately lies within our prerogative, with all efforts to influence state legislation, and to enforce the laws already enacted looking toward better Sabbath observance.

3. That in connection with the scientific temperance teaching required by law in the schools of the State, we encourage popular instruction on the hygienic necessity of the Sabbath as a day of rest.

4. That as the Saturday half-holiday has been found to be conducive to a better Sabbath observance, by giving the wearied bodies of men and women an opportunity for the recreation which otherwise they would take on the Lord's Day; and as a replenished purse on Saturday, with an empty heart and a thirsty mouth on Sunday, are fertile sources of Sabbath desecration, we commend the Saturday half-holiday and the Monday pay-day as valuable adjuncts to better Sabbath observance.

5. That we urge Pastors and Sessions, by precept and by example, to lead the people to a more intelligent understanding of the claims of the Lord's Day to a worshipful attendance on the services of the Sanctuary, and to a conscientious observance of the day as a day of rest.

Additional papers were reported by the Stated Clerk, and referred as follows:

To the Committee on Bills and Overtures:

10. A paper relating to immediate efforts for the Evangelization of the World.

11. A Communication from the American Anti-Saloon League.

12. A Communication from a Committee of the Presbytery of North River.

The Special Committee on the Relation, under the State laws, of the Trustees of our Congregations to the Church Sessions, was discharged, as the subject is under consideration in the General Assembly.

The Committee appointed last year to submit to the Legislature an amendment of the Statutes of New York relating to the temporalities of the Church, presented the following report, which was accepted:

Your Committee, instructed to prepare a Memorial to the Legislature of the State of New York, for an amendment of the Statutes, so that Presbyterian Churches shall have the option which several other denominations had, of placing the care of their temporalities in the hands of Spiritual Officers as Trustees, instead of having them administered by Trustees elected who may or may not be persons in the communion and fellowship of the Church, respectfully reports that it has discharged the duty assigned to it, and has been entirely successful in procuring the change in the laws as desired by the Synod.

It was

Resolved, That the Committee be continued, and be requested to report, during these sessions, the relation of the Presbyterian Church to the government of the State of New York, and what amendments are necessary to the maintenance of the rights and privileges of the Presbyterian Church in that State.

The Committee on Services at Summer Resorts reported progress, and was continued.

The Committee on the Place of the Next Meeting reported that an invitation had been received from the Westminster Church of Utica, to hold the meeting of the Synod in 1897 in that Church, and recommended that the invitation be accepted, with the thanks of the Synod.

The recommendation was adopted, and the Pastor and Elders of the Church were appointed the Committee of Arrangements, with power to add to its number.

The Rev. Edward C. Ray, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies, addressed the Synod.

The Committee of Visitors to Auburn Theological Seminary presented the following report, which was accepted:

In the condition of Auburn Seminary we marked much that merits commendation. The serviceable suites for study and sleep in Morgan Hall, the facilities of the Dodge-Morgan Library, the sightly Willard Chapel, and the admirable class rooms in the Welch Memorial building, have won warm praise from many lips.

Better than the buildings are the honored clergy that make up the faculty; men of well-developed brain and tender heart; men whom students honor and love. Professor Riggs evokes enthusiasm in Greek exegesis. Professor Beecher buttresses belief in traditional orthodoxy. Professor Darling deals in doctrine of indigo dye. Professor Hoyt, by lip and life, helps men to an efficient ministry of the word. And President Booth, saint, scholar and gentleman, is rightly reckoned among the best investments ever made by the Seminary Boards. During the past year the Rev. Edward W. Miller served as Instructor in Church History; and so acceptably filled the chair that he has been promoted to the full professorship.

The enrollment of students was 123, including 15 from Hamilton and 11 from Princeton; 100 received scholarship aid, the maximum being $180, and the total grants, from the Seminary and Board of Education, $17,682. The oral examinations were well up to the average of previous years; and those in Church History were exceptionally satisfactory. Reports on written examinations rated the men, with some exceptions, commendably. There has been a noticeable gain in the number of students. In 1891, the total was 51; in 1892, 57; in 1893, 66; in 1894, 94; in 1895, 112; and in 1896, 123.

The Seminary merits commendation, and it needs funds. The deficit last year was $4,798. With the increasing enrollment of students comes a demand for enlarged dormitories. The students desire also a room for social and business meetings. That they may be sound in body, as well as in the faith, a well-equipped gymnasium is required. For the adequate endowment of Professorships, $130,000 are needed. The General Fund is now $58,300; it should be $150,000. The Library Fund is $18,315, while $50,000 is the sum wanted.

What of the prospect? That depends largely upon the help the Seminary gets from Presbyterian purses and prayers. The more than 900 living alumni of Auburn can, presumably, be relied upon to love their *alma mater* in deed and in truth. What of the more than 177,000 communicants of the Synod? What of the Clergy and Elders, within hearing of this report? Possibly this is a providential opportunity to do good and communicate, and to please God with self-sacrificing and cheerful contributions.

The Permanent Committee on Education presented its report, which was accepted and amended, and its recommendations were adopted. It is as follows:

Your Committee is forced to report two sad facts: First, that the Board, for lack of offerings from the Churches, has found it necessary to cut down its allowance, to the more than one thousand students receiving aid, to the pitifully small sum of sixty dollars for the coming year; second, that the Board has found no warrant in promised support for accepting any new cases under its care. The falling off in contributions has been slight; but there has not been any increase over the amount received a dozen years ago, while the number of candidates in that time has increased from 619 to 1,037. No increase of income, and a doubling of the number of students, have cut down the appropriation to each man to about half of what it formerly was.

Last year the amount received from the Churches was $47,597. The receipts from legacies for current uses, from interest on investments, from amounts refunded, and from miscellaneous sources, increased the total to $75,706. If this sum had been divided equally among the 1,037 candidates, it would have given but $73 to each, leaving only $105 for the necessary expenses of administration. In these circumstances the Board felt compelled to incur the debt reported to the last Assembly. The hope is cherished that there will be an increase in the amount received from the Churches the present year; but, in existing circumstances, common prudence forbids the making of estimates upon the basis of any larger receipts than in 1895–96. In the bounds of our Synod, out of 929 Churches, only 535 contributed to this object, leaving 394 non-contributing Churches. The Board appeals to all Churches which have not contributed, and also to the Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor, and has prepared special leaflets applicable to each. These leaflets can be had on application, in quantities, without charge.

It ought to be widely known that the scholarships of the Board are not indiscriminately given, but are reserved for carefully selected men, who are narrowly watched through every stage of their educational career. It cannot be said that no mistakes are made. The watch and care of candidates is accomplished by many agents, and sometimes these agents are not as careful as could be wished. There is need undoubtedly of more care on the part of Presbyterial Committees on Education, and especially on the part of their Chairmen. If they will keep in close correspondence with the candidates whom they recommend, and know them personally, they will be able, in almost every case, to prevent the mistakes which, unfortunately, sometimes occur.

But the mistakes are few and far between; while the complaints heard may be mostly from the over-critical. "Why is it, Doctor," inquired one of these critical friends, "that we have so many ordinary men in the ministry?" "Well, you see," he answered, "we do the best we can with the material we have to draw from. We do not select the ministry from the angels, but from men." There never has been, and never can be, a perfect ministry; but no church seeks to have a nobler and better ministry than our own, or takes more pains to insure this desirable result. Over against the few cases of failure we

set the thousands of useful and successful men who have filled posts of honor among our best missionaries at home and abroad, our ablest Pastors, our most distinguished presidents of Colleges, professors, secretaries, editors, etc. Our candidates are carefully selected, carefully watched, carefully trained, schooled by self-denial and the stern necessity of providing with toilsome zeal for the greater part of their own support. Is it any wonder that they generally turn out well?

Let us bear in mind also that our Lord has never countermanded His injunction that we should pray for an increase of the ministry. He gave it when His heart was moved by the sight of human misery. Circumstances now are such as to enhance the necessity of that command. Such a view of world-wide want, such a wealth of means and opportunities for bringing the grace of the Gospel to its relief, never met human vision before. It is most interesting, also, to observe how, evidently, God, by His Holy Spirit, is calling the sons of the Church into the ministry. On every side, in increasing numbers, they are presenting themselves in answer to His call, saying, "Here am I! Send me." Concerning many of these we can entertain no reasonable doubt that they are indeed called of God; and the Church would be recreant to one of its most sacred trusts, if it did not take measures for their complete equipment, and for sending them promptly into the field.

It is recommended:

1. That Presbyterial Committees on Education be asked to trace the men recommended during the past ten years or more, and ascertain who among them have turned aside to other work, or to the ministry of other denominations, and seek to get from them all money granted by the Board for their education, which, in their judgment, ought to be refunded.

2. That we urge anew the claims of this Board upon all our Churches, and request Pastors to give the fullest possible information to the people in regard to its work, and an opportunity to contribute for its furtherance.

The Committee on Judicial Business reported:

Case No. 1. A Petition purporting to be from Mr. Charles E. Cochrane, submitting a question for the decision of the Synod, and asking for certain instructions to the Presbytery of New York. As the paper is entirely informal, and is without signature, it is recommended that no action be taken.

Case No. 2. A Complaint of Rev. J. Ford Sutton, D. D., and others, against the Presbytery of New York, for its action in adopting, April 27, 1896, a certain answer to a deliverance of the General Assembly passed May 23, 1895. The Committee reports the Case as in order and ready for trial.

The report was adopted, and the Committee was instructed to prepare and present an order of procedure for the trial of Case No. 2.

A resolution in regard to the planting and sustaining of Churches in the Adirondack region of the State of New York, was presented,

and referred to a Special Committee, as follows: *Ministers*—Samuel T. Clarke, David F. Bonner; *Elder*—Charles Henderson.

Adjourned until Thursday, at half-past nine o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 21, 7:30 o'clock P. M.

A popular meeting was held in the interest of Foreign Missions. Elder Darwin R. James presided, and addresses were made by Rev. Frank F. Ellinwood, D. D., Rev. William S. Bannerman, and Rev. George Alexander, D. D.

THURSDAY, October 22, 9:30 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and delegates not previously enrolled, (marked 3), were reported as being present.

The minutes of Wednesday's sessions were read and approved.

The Committee on Judicial Business reported, recommending that the Moderator appoint a Committee of three to nominate a Judicial Commission of eight Ministers and seven Elders, which shall proceed at once to the trial of the Complaint in Judicial Case No. 2.

The recommendation was adopted.

Pursuant to the special order of the day, the REV. RICHARD SALTER STORRS, D. D., LL. D., was conducted to the platform, and was cordially welcomed by the Moderator.

The following congratulatory address was read by the Rev. Henry H. Stebbins, D. D., Chairman of the Committee, and was approved by the Synod, and presented to Dr. Storrs, who feelingly and felicitously responded to the sentiments expressed:

By a most felicitous coincidence the Synod of New York is in session at the time when the Church of the Pilgrims, the cities of Brooklyn and New York, the Congregational denomination, the Church of Christ in all our land, aye, and the country, on one or another of many accounts, are rising up to call him blessed, who, as pastor, preacher and ecclesiastic; as civilian and patriot; as student, scholar and writer; above all, as friend and godly man, has, for fifty years enjoyed an eminence as rare as it is deserved. As a Synod, we are glad and grateful to put on record our keen appreciation of, and our sincere gratitude for, what God hath wrought through this brilliantly endowed man.

Fifty years ago Richard Salter Storrs, descended from a long, unbroken line of clerical ancestry extending to colonial times, in response to the call of the Church of the Pilgrims, came to the City of Brooklyn. It was "a little city, and few men within it." The young minister modestly took the place where, ever since, he has been "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

For fifty unbroken years the loving and beloved, the first and only Pastor of the one Church! What an eloquent example of patient and unwearied continuance in well-doing! What volumes it speaks of the remarkable versatility of Dr. Storrs's mind and heart, that, amid the vast changes of a half-century, when so many have come and gone; when manners and methods and ideas of worship have so materially changed; when the times have been marked by such diversities of operation, covering war and peace; when that which was then so new is now so old, he should not only have held his own, but that his career should have grown brighter unto this fiftieth year! What an identity of interest between Minister and people, what continuity of personal influence, what mutual knowledge, confidence and affection, what a precedence of the professional by the personal, what an aggregate of fruitful co-operation must those two score and ten years have afforded! A word is due, an emphatic one, to the quality of Dr. Storrs's preaching; its matter so substantial, scriptural, timely and practical; its manner revealed in its faultless rhetoric; its exuberant thought clothed in matchless diction! all of which is the mildest praise when we realize that he ranks foremost among extempore preachers and orators. Blessed are the ears that have heard, and the hearts that have been thrilled by the thought of his soul and the word of his mouth! Blessed the sorrowing who have been comforted, the docile who have been instructed, the receptive who have been filled, the lives that have been edified by that singularly long, able, happy and holy ministry! Verily he has planted "a tree that will not rot." Strength and beauty have been in the Sanctuary where he has been God's minister. God has been well pleased to establish the work of his hands upon him.

But the city is impatient to lift her voice in praise of him, who, for these years, has walked her streets, mingled with her citizens, stimulated her growth, expanded and enriched her life. Her beautiful parks, her Historical Society, with its fine building, the completion of her marvellous bridge, numerous other interests and institutions, educational and charitable, together with many public occasions when his fluent, graceful and eloquent utterance has been the spell and charm of the hour,—all witness to the superlative value of

his civic service. The City of New York, as she recalls his prayer at the unveiling of the statue of Washington, or his wonderful address in her Academy on Wyckliffe, or his occasional sermons in her most influential pulpits, will realize her obligation to his great mind and great heart whose signal and multiform services we take such delight in calling to mind. New York and Boston would have been glad to have had Dr. Storrs for citizen and Minister; but Brooklyn answered that he was with her to stay.

The great denomination in which, largely owing to its Pastor's power, the Church of the Pilgrims has been so influential, will not miss the opportunity to lay its tribute of thankful acknowledgment at the feet of him who has contributed so vitally and at such critical periods to her progress; whose voice has been heard in so many of her Churches; whose counsels, and wise, convincing words have been so helpful to her organized beneficence; who has rendered such aid to her educational institutions, and who has wrought so heroically, judicially and judiciously in connection with the American Board, the history of which is intertwined with Presbyterians as well as with Congregationalists.

Dr. Storrs has been the Christian first and the Congregationalist afterwards. In the sermon he preached on the fortieth anniversary of his settlement over the Church, he says: "This Church was constituted in the love of Christ and for the furtherance of His earthly kingdom by men who not only believed His teachings, rejoiced in His offices, and worshipped His Person, but who had a tender and reverent sense of the sacredness of the Church as essentially related to the manifestation of His Life in the world." As Christian man and minister Dr. Storrs has stood in helpful touch with the whole Church and with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. They remember the words he has spoken among them, and the man who spoke them. They have sat under the spell of his golden-mouthed speech; they honor him for his maintenance of the faith once delivered to the saints, and for his having stood four-square against all the winds of adverse doctrine.

The platform that has been repeatedly graced by his presence and his beautiful diction; the world of letters to which, in spite of exacting pulpit and parish duties, he has made invaluable and permanent contributions, are swift to recall and to recognize Dr. Storrs's vast power. Indeed, the eye of the country will be turned to Dr. Storrs at the anticipated commemoration. For he has, and justly, a national reputation, occasioned by the pulse of patriotism he has quickened; by the duties to God and man and country he has inculcated; by his words (such as his remarkable address on Abraham Lincoln, and his lectures on the Ottoman and the Muscovite), which have gone out into all the land; and by the lines of influence that have extended unto the ends thereof. While Brooklyn has been Dr. Storrs's cherished home, and the Church of the Pilgrims the base of his work and labor of love, the city and the Church have been a radiating centre of an influence diversified, intense, sweet, refined, beautiful, holy; an influence that has taken its rise in, and has been fed by, a sanctified heart.

We bless God that His servant is alive and has remained unto this present, We are here to say: "Servant of God, well done!" But not: "Rest from

thy loved employ." We say, in concert with all who shall join in the commemoration of the approaching notable anniversary: "Hail, but not farewell!"

"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee; the Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace!"

Dr. Storrs spoke as follows:

Moderator and Brethren of the Synod:

I some time ago passed the point at which I used to say, more easily, "Fathers and Brothers"—you do me honor overmuch. While this paper was being read, so strong and tender in feeling and expression, I asked myself if I could recognize the person concerning whom it had been written and was being read; and I honestly say that I do not think I ever personally met him. It has been my happiness to live in Brooklyn all these years, because I have loved my work in the city; because themes came pressing upon me, from the Scriptures, and from the experience of those to whom I was ministering, and from my own experience, more rapidly, and abundantly, than I could find time in which to treat them; and because my relations with the Churches around me have been so delightful.

It is an agreeable reminiscence to me that the first time I ever heard the name of the city of Brooklyn spoken in public was at a meeting of the American Board, in Worcester, in 1844, by Dr. Cox, then the Pastor of this Church. I can see him, as if it were at this moment, as he arose and straightened himself, with that gesture which will be familiar to all who ever saw him, with his magnificent crown of white hair, and said: "Mr. President, I wish to have the American Board appoint its next meeting in the city in which I reside. If in nothing else I am like the Apostle Paul, I am certainly like him in this, that I can say that I am 'a citizen of no mean city,' the city of Brooklyn." I thought then that with such a man as the figurehead of Brooklyn, and with the apostolic example quoted by him, Brooklyn must be a fine place to live in. And when I came here to live, I found it indeed a delightful and social community, to a great extent, as I trust it will always remain, unless it shall be swallowed up in the tumultuous whirlpool of New York society and politics! And here we have lived and have wrought together, ever since, in great harmony and with great gladness.

In the Council by which I was installed, I love to remember that there were two Presbyterian clergymen present, Dr. Spencer of the Second Church, and Dr. William Adams of the Central Church in New York City, who took part in the services. Dr. Cox was then in Europe; otherwise he also would have been present, as was an Elder from this Church, with an Elder from the Central Church in New York.

I rejoice to remember the affectionate, and at times the intimate, relations which have existed between myself and this particular congregation. In the intervals between their successive pastorates, the people here have done me the great honor, and conferred upon me the great privilege, of asking me, not

infrequently, to officiate in services in which they were interested; sometimes to visit the sick; sometimes to bury the dead; and I have always responded with readiness to such requests. With every minister here my relations have been delightful; never with any one more delightful than with him who is now, under Christ, the head of this congregation; so full of courtesy and kindness; so full of vigorous power; so effective as an administrator of Church affairs, and putting the reach and richness of his thought into such admirable form in sermons and in books. So, also, with all the ministers in your great Church, whom I have known here, who are now so many of them gone, I have loved to dwell in fraternal, and often in intimate relations. How many are gone! Dr. Spencer, Dr. Cox, Dr. Jacobus, Dr. Duffield, Dr. McLane, who were here when I came, Dr. Van Dyke, and Dr. Spear. Dr. Van Dyke came a little later, but he was as a brother to my heart for many years. On the other side of the river, too, I recall the faces and the forms of those with whom some of you were familiar, whom some of you can hardly have known well: Dr. Spring, Dr. Skinner, Dr. Patton, Dr. White, Dr. Erskine Mason, Dr. William Adams, Dr. Phillips, Dr. Krebs, and I know not how many more whom always it was a pleasure, when I came to Brooklyn, to meet in the general convocations for missionary work, and whom it was always delightful and instructive to hear. All of these have passed on into the unseen realm; and we who tarry a little behind might be excused if, on purely human grounds, we were to count ourselves as being gradually left lonesome. We are never lonesome; the Master is always with those who try to serve Him, and God is not the God of the dead, but of the living, and they are all living unto God.

So, Fathers and Brothers, I thank you, with all my heart, for this most gracious word which you have spoken to me: even though I cannot recognize the words as simply appropriate to the facts. How beautiful it is to be helped and animated, sometimes, by words which one recognizes as surpassing any conscious merit on his part! You give me an impulse for further work, during whatever time may be permitted to me for the service of Christ upon earth; and you give me higher expectation of that perfect fellowship of the Saints on high, when all minor differences shall be utterly forgotten; when terms of service, and times of service, shall have been lost to sight; when we shall all unite in the final triumphant gladness, and adore and worship before Him who came as the Babe of Bethlehem; who walked on the earth the Man of sorrows; who died on the cross for our salvation; who arose from the dead and ascended into heaven, having overcome the sharpness of death, that He might open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. He animates us still; instructs us still; and with those bleeding and royal hands He turns the gates of empire on the earth for the incoming of His kingdom and glory. Brethren, beloved, what a victory of spirit it is to feel that He is with us, that He is within us! and what exultation, not possible to be articulated in human speech, only to be uttered in the celestial language and with the accompaniment of heavenly harps, will be in our hearts when at last we see Him glorified and crowned, with a diadem for every thorn mark on that royal and immortal brow.

The Board of Examiners of Elmira College presented the following report, which was accepted:

The Examining Committee visited Elmira College twice during the year, and found evidences of duty faithfully discharged in every department. The quality of work done was superior, and the quantity sufficient to make the College course compare favorably with that of any institution of its kind in the country. The fidelity of its teachers and the loyalty of the students were in the highest degree satisfactory. The religious instruction given is a marked characteristic of the course. The moral, spiritual and social atmosphere pervading the Institution gives it a sweet and home-like tone, where the most solicitous parents may feel perfectly safe in sending their daughters. The freshman class is larger than the one of last year, and is made up of young women well prepared for their work. The sophomore and junior classes are not as large as in some former years, but the senior class is the largest in the history of the College.

The Rev. Rufus S. Green, D.D., for some years the efficient President, resigned January 1.

In April last the Committee held a conference with the Trustees in regard to the financial condition of the College, which was ascertained to be as follows:

Buildings	$132,000
Interest-bearing investments	76,000
Grounds	50,000
Apparatus	25,000
Furniture	10,000
Library	5,000
Museum	5,000
Total	$303,000
Indebtedness	76,000
Net assets	$227,000

To this it was proposed to add an endowment of $100,000, the people of Elmira to be asked to subscribe one-half the amount, and friends throughout the Synod the remainder. At the request of the Conference, the Rev. A. C. Mackenzie, D.D., of Owego, one of the Examiners, began about the first of June calling on citizens of Elmira. His success was remarkable. In about seven weeks he secured signed pledges for $38,000 within the city and, incidentally, for $15,000 from three friends outside, making $53,000, the subscribers being in all cases fully responsible. Had not a severe illness prevented Dr. Mackenzie from continuing his work during July, August and September, there is little doubt that a much larger amount would by this time have been secured. He is so far recovered as to be able to begin the effort anew, which the Committee believes will, with the wise sympathy and practical co-operation of the Synod, result not only in securing the $100,000, but a much larger sum.

At a union meeting of Trustees, Examiners, graduates and teachers of the College, held May 12, a resolution was passed, unanimously, recommending the Board of Trustees not only to interest Dr. Mackenzie in the endowment fund, but, if the way were clear, to call him to the Presidency. In response to this, such a call was extended, which Dr. Mackenzie is seriously considering. The revived and greatly increased interest in the College which has appeared during the last few months in Elmira, may assure the Synod of better days dawning on the Institution, and should awaken general enthusiasm in its behalf.

The Rev. A. Cameron Mackenzie, D.D., President-elect, and Miss Catharine Jones, of Englewood, N. J., addressed the Synod on the subject of Elmira College.

The following Minute was adopted:

1. The Synod, having heard with satisfaction the encouraging financial report of Elmira College, expresses its approval of the plan adopted by the authorities of that Institution, for raising $100,000 to meet its pressing needs.

2. The Synod expresses its appreciation of the generosity of those citizens of Elmira who have responded so willingly to the call for $50,000 from that city.

3. The Board of Trustees of Elmira College, together with Rev. A. Cameron Mackenzie, D.D., is constituted a Committee to have in charge the raising of funds for the Endowment.

4. Local Committees to co-operate with the Endowment Committee, shall be appointed by the Moderator, the Stated Clerk and Dr. Mackenzie.

The Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted:

The past year has been to your Committee one of continued activity, and, to some degree at least, of real prosperity. Immediately upon the adjournment of the Synod last year plans were laid for an energetic and comprehensive campaign, and we have the satisfaction of reporting that none of those plans have failed of fulfillment.

Our first effort has been to hold ourselves in communication and co-operation with the Presbyterial Committees. This, in many cases, is an easy thing to do, and your Committee acknowledges the cordial and helpful responses received from some of the Presbyteries. From other Chairmen, however, we never can get so much as recognition. They will not even answer our personal letters; and our suggestions, modestly made, our offers of assistance our appeals for advice and co-operation, fall as upon deaf ears or indifferent

hearts. We have long ago reached the conclusion that what is most needed in some of our Presbyteries, in order to bring the Foreign Mission cause up to its proper level of interest, is a revolution that shall remove time-honored but energy-wanting members from the Standing Committees, and replace these with Ministers and Elders who have a warm and living interest in the object, and sufficient inspiration and ingenuity to communicate it to others.

The second order has been to bring the Committee's influence to bear personally and dynamically upon the meetings of the Presbyteries. In some cases members of the Committee have addressed these meetings, and, when this has not been possible, able substitutes have been sent to represent them. We renew the offer to secure, as far as practicable, speakers for Presbyterial Missionary meetings anywhere in the Synod, and to co-operate with the Standing Committees in every other way in their endeavor to make their public functions attractive and successful.

Your Committee has found that, when all dependent Churches which were evidently unable to contribute had been excepted, more than one hundred and fifty remained which had not made a stated offering the previous year to Foreign Missions; and a majority of these had also failed to give through their Sunday Schools or Women's Societies. It seemed our plain duty to address a kind and fraternal letter, personally signed, to the Pastors and Sessions of these Churches. What results may have come from these appeals we have no means of knowing, save as letters of protest, explanation, and occasionally of repentance, came back to us. It is our purpose to repeat this work the coming year.

By far the most important and fruitful activity of the year has been the missionary tours which your Committee had the pleasure of organizing in some of the Presbyteries. Our plan was to have every Church visited and addressed by a Missionary at home on a furlough, the Churches to provide entertainment, and to contribute one cent per member for the expense of the tour. Several Presbyteries found it inconvenient to accept our offer; six responded favorably: Binghamton, Long Island, Lyons, Nassau, St. Lawrence and Utica, and these were visited, respectively, by Rev. W. S. Bannerman of Africa, Rev. J. H. Judson and Rev. Dr. B. C. Henry of China, Rev. George P. Pierson of Japan, Rev. F. S. Chalfant of China, and Mrs. Wellington White, formerly of Hainau. Over seventy-five Churches were thus visited, and nearly one hundred meetings held. The Missionaries returned enthusiastically encouraged, testifying to the cordiality of their reception, and the deepening of missionary interest in all the Churches visited; and the Presbyterial Committees were equally positive and commendatory in their judgment of these visitations. So successful was this method of work, that we are already organizing a similar series of missionary tours in other Presbyteries, and we invite the sympathy and support, not only of the Committees, but of the Pastors and Elders of these Presbyteries.

Mr. William Dulles, Jr., the honored Treasurer of our Board, whose services have been most valuable to us, has found it necessary, because of his removal beyond the bounds of the Synod, to resign his membership on the Committee, and we have reluctantly accepted his resignation.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That Elder Neilson Olcott, of the Presbytery of New York, be elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. William Dulles, Jr.

2. That the Synod appeal to all Churches within its bounds, not contributing the past year to Foreign Missions, to give their people an opportunity at least once annually to make an offering on the Sabbath for the work of the Board.

3. That the Sessions of our Churches be urged to organize their male members in the interest of Missions, and not be content, as is now almost universally the case, with Missionary Societies for the women; and also to enlist their Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies in the support of our foreign work.

4. That Pastors be exhorted to address their people more frequently on the subject of Missions, and seek not only to increase their interest in the world's evangelization, but also to make that interest more intelligent and spiritual.

5. That the Synod appeal to the Presbyteries to give more practical attention to the direction of Foreign Mission interests within their bounds; that they hold more frequent Missionary meetings, give greater care to the selection of the Foreign Mission Committees, and require semi-annual reports from such Committees, to be distributed generally and generously throughout the Churches under their care.

The Rev. David J. Satterfield, D. D., President of Scotia Seminary, addressed the Synod in behalf of the Board of Missions for Freedmen.

The report of the Committee on Judicial Business, in reference to Judicial Case No. 2, was reconsidered, and the matter was referred back to the Committee, with instructions to report an order for the trial of the case on the floor of the Synod.

A recess was taken until two o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 22, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer.

The following Minute was adopted:

Whereas, The New York Press Association, at its fortieth Annual Convention, July 1, 1896, unanimously reaffirmed a declaration made at the National Editorial Convention last year, as follows:

"We earnestly sympathize with the woman's movement for the promotion of purity in literature and art, as tending to maintain the moral standard and endeavoring to realize the prime object of the press,—the elevation and betterment of humanity, intellectually, morally and socially; for the suppression of sensationalism, cruel personalities and immoral details in the reports of vice and crime, which tend only to degrade the moral standard of the community, often inciting to the re-enactment of the horrors thus depicted; and that we will further endeavor to make the press one of the truest and best friends of humanity by refusing space to all questionable and impure advertising, also excluding from our writings and doings the untruths and half truths which are often more dangerous and often have more of poison than unmasked vice because of the pure alloy which promotes their circulation."

And whereas, There is an effort being made to have the Legislature of New York amend the penal code in order "to better protect public morals, defend the health and integrity of youth, prevent the degrading of women and girls, and preserve the honor and respect due to woman;" therefore,

Resolved, That we favor all efforts to promote proper legislation for the better protection of public morals; that we urge upon the law-makers at Albany, at the next session of the Legislature, to pass laws that are in harmony with the spirit and the recommendations of the New York Press Association; and that we exhort our members to do all that they can to secure the passage of such laws.

The Committee on the Indian Industrial School presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted:

At the last meeting of the Synod, it was hoped that your Committee had completed its task. The failure of many to redeem the pledges there made, and the fact that no additional subscriptions have been received toward the $4,000 unprovided for, have prevented the Home Mission Board from accepting the trust offered it, and have compelled those in charge of the enterprise to continue their work, and to ask the Synod to extend the time of their service.

At former sessions, the Synod has carefully considered the industrial and Christian education of the thousand or more Indian youth of school age within its borders. After mature deliberation extending over three years, it reached the climax of its plans at Binghamton, one year ago. At that time we had secured pledges and contributions amounting to $6,000, a legacy of $10,000, and a site at Portville with land and buildings valued at $5,000, the whole conditioned on the raising of $4,000 more, to complete the endowment of $20,000, besides the real-estate. It was expected that this sum would be subscribed and mostly paid by the first of January, 1896, in which case it was understood that our Board of Home Missions would accept the School, and its chairman would serve as one of the Trustees.

Owing to the financial distress everywhere prevalent, our efforts have been unavailing, and less than $2,000 has been received, while the need of the

School is greater than ever, and Indian parents on the New York Reservations are begging for this opportunity to educate their children.

The trustee of the $10,000 legacy, the Rev. Dr. Egbert of St. Paul, despite the long and trying delay, agrees to give the Synod one more chance to prove its earnestness in regard to this scheme. A few weeks, at the longest, must finally decide the question. It is therefore recommended:

1. That the present Committee be continued.

2. That, if necessary, the Committee be authorized to employ some one of high standing and character to solicit contributions for this object.

3. That with the above assistance a final and determined effort be made to establish this long-considered blessing for the Indian youth in our own borders.

4. That the Committee be enlarged by the addition of one member from each home Presbytery of the Synod as follows:

Albany: Rev. C. Alex. Richmond.
Binghamton: Rev. J. Lovejoy Robertson.
Boston: Rev. Chas. S. Dewing, D. D.
Brooklyn: Rev. Chas. Cuthbert Hall, D. D.
Cayuga: Rev. Wallace B. Lucas, D. D.
Champlain: Rev. Joseph Gamble, D. D.
Chemung: Rev. Isaac Jennings, D. D.
Columbia: Rev. Edward Stratton.
Genesee: Elder Edward C. Walker.
Geneva: Rev. J. Wilford Jacks.
Hudson: Rev. Thomas Nichols.
Long Island: Rev. James B. Finch.
Lyons: Rev. A. Parke Burgess, D. D.
Nassau: Rev. Joshua J. Wolf.
New York: Elder Kiliaen Van Rensselaer.
Niagara: Rev. Albert S. Bacon.
North River: Elder Chas. E. Bingham.
Otsego: Rev. Henry U. Swinnerton, Ph. D.
Rochester: Rev. Henry H. Stebbins, D. D.
St. Lawrence: Rev. James Robertson.
Steuben: Rev. Edward M. Deems, Ph. D.
Syracuse: Rev. George B. Spalding, D. D.
Troy: Rev. Theophilus P. Sawin, D. D.
Utica: Rev. Thomas J. Brown, D. D.
Westchester: Elder Ralph E. Prime.

The Committee on Judicial Business presented a report, prescribing an order of procedure for the trial of Judicial Case No. 2.

The report was accepted, and the following substitute was adopted:

That the Moderator appoint a Committee of three to nominate a Judicial Commission of eight Ministers and seven Elders, to issue and try the said case.

The following were appointed the Committee of Nomination: *Ministers*—A. Cameron Mackenzie, Henry A. Davenport; *Elder*—Horace Briggs.

The Rev. Messrs. Archibald A. Cameron, Elijah E. Chivers, D. D., and Henry J. Guller were introduced by Rev. Chas. Cuthbert Hall, D. D., as representatives of the Long Island Baptist Association in session in Brooklyn, and were welcomed by the Moderator. They addressed the Synod, and presented the following action of the Association:

Resolved, That the Long Island Baptist Association send to the Synod of New York our fraternal greeting in Christian fellowship, as an expression of our cordial appreciation of their noble body, with its honorable history and present labors in the kingdom of God. (See 1 Thess. i. 2, 3 and Heb. xiii. 20, 21.)

The Moderator cordially responded to the salutation.

The Permanent Committee on Young People's Societies presented the following report which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted:

Persistent efforts have been made to collect full statistics of the Young People's Societies in the Synod, with little success. The only Presbyteries which have given full reports of their work are Binghamton, Brooklyn, Champlain, Columbia, Genesee, Hudson, Rochester, Steuben and Utica. It is encouraging to learn that Committees on Young People's Societies have been appointed in fifteen others. In some of those reporting, every Church has a Christian Endeavor Society, and many sustain Junior Societies. We are indebted to Mr. A. E. Dewhurst, Secretary of the State Christian Endeavor Union, for the number of Societies in the Presbyterian Church in the State, which is, of Senior Societies, 739, and of Junior, 323; in all 1,062, with over 50,000 members. Of our 840 Churches in the State, all but 106 have Christian Endeavor Societies; and, deducting Churches almost extinct, there are probably not over 50 without such organization. Besides these are reported Young People's Societies, Boys' Brigades, and other organizations for men, boys and girls. These Societies outnumber the 865 Sunday Schools in the State by 197. Thus it appears that the flower of our youth, the seed and hope of the Church, are in our Christian Endeavor Societies. They hold the same relation to the Church as the Sunday School, the one being a teaching organization, the other for training. Whatever relation they hold to other bodies is fraternal and not organic.

The relation of the individual Society to the Church was most satisfactorily set forth by the last General Assembly:

"The Church in her courts owes it to her young people to take account of their aspirations and activities, and to provide proper media for the exercise of these; and the young people, on their part, as members of the Church, have a duty of recognizing fully her spiritual authority, implying, as this does, her right to advise with them, and to direct their movements. It is this authority which unites together all Presbyterian Churches into one common body, and it must reach to all of its organizations. Such being the case, the Assembly deems it unnecessary to prescribe any specific form of organization for individual Young People's Societies, while it expects them to conform to certain acknowledged principles, both general and particular, as follows:

"In general, these Societies are to be organized and to work in conformity with the historic position of the Church as expressed in her standards and interpreted by her Courts. * * * *

"The particular relations of all our Young People's Societies to the Church are sustained, in the first instance, to the Session of a particular Church, and thence, through the Session, to the Church at large. Each such Society is under the immediate direction, control, and oversight of the Session of that Church in which it is formed, and that oversight is not merely general, but applies to (a) The Constitution of the Society, (b) The schedule of its services, (c) The election of its officers, (d) The distribution of its funds."

The Assembly required the Presbyteries to have the full statement read in all their Societies, to gather statistics concerning the names, numbers, and forms of Young People's organizations in their Churches, and to state whether the Presbytery has a Presbyterial organization, and what is its plan. Conceding the vital importance of these Societies to the life and work of the Churches, full statistics are necessary to any true report of the life and work of the Church at large.

The Societies gave to the Board of Home Missions during the last year $5,320.76, and to Foreign Missions $5,695.86; and from the reports presented they must have contributed tens of thousands for the benefit of the Churches.

Your Committee conducted the opening session of the Synodical Congress at Buffalo, in the interests of Young People's work. It is recommended:

1. That Presbyteries be required to appoint Standing Committees on Young People's Societies, if it has not already been done.

2. That these Committees gather full statistics as to the names, members, condition and contributions of these Societies, with the names of their Corresponding Secretaries, and report the same to the Chairman of the Synod's Committee.

3. That these Societies be trained to contribute systematically to the Mission Boards of the Church, and that the two-cents-a-week plan be commended.

4. That Presbyterial Conferences of Young People's Societies be held for mutual encouragement and fellowship; or that Presbyteries arrange for a visitation of their Societies, as has been done with great profit by the Presbytery

of Steuben, holding simultaneous meetings for several evenings, two members visiting each Society, wherever practicable.

5. That for convenience of meeting, the Synod's Committee consist of: Ministers—Samuel W. Pratt, Edward M. Deems, Alfred J. Hutton, Warren D. More and Louis F. Ruf; Elders—Philip M. Hull, Richard H. Bloom, Harry C. Heermans and Herbert J. Hunn.

The Committee appointed to consider the question of a change in the name of the Synod, presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee respectfully reports, that after having had the subject under consideration for two years, and having lately received information that the Presbytery of Boston, by a unanimous vote, has expressed its desire for such a change, it recommends:

That the Synod respectfully overture the General Assembly to change the name "Synod of New York" to "Synod of New York and New England."

The Committee appointed to collate the reports of the Examining Committees on the Records of the Presbyteries presented the following recommendations which were adopted:

1. That the Records of the following Presbyteries be approved as far as written: Albany, Binghamton, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Cayuga, Champlain, Chemung, Columbia, Eastern Persia, Geneva, Hudson, Long Island, Lyons, Nassau, New York, Niagara, North Laos, Otsego, Rochester, St. Lawrence, Syracuse, Troy, Utica, Westchester.

2 That the Records of the Presbytery of Boston be approved as far as written, with the following exceptions:

(1.) On p. 369 it appears that a Minister was invited to sit as a corresponding member, without stating his ecclesiastical connection.

(2.) On p. 388 is recorded the adoption of the report of a Committee on Ministers without charge, that each Minister without charge should pay to the treasury of the Presbytery each year one dollar, and if this rule be violated for two years by any brother he shall be dropped from the roll.

3. That the Records of the Presbytery of Genesee be approved as far as written, with the following exceptions:

(1.) On p. 154, a Special Meeting was held, and the Moderator's call for said meeting is not inserted in the Minutes.

(2.) The Minutes of the Stated Meeting were read and approved at this Special Meeting.

(3.) The Minutes of the Stated Meeting of April 17, 1896, are not stated to have been read and approved.

4. That the Records of the Presbytery of North River be approved as far as written, with the following exceptions :

(1.) On p. 124 a resolution ruled out by the Moderator is recorded.

(2.) There is not any part of the Narrative of the State of Religion placed on record, although it is stated to have been adopted, p. 128.

(3.) Blanks for names are not filled up, pp. 132, 133, 156.

5. That the Records of the Presbytery of Steuben be approved as far as written, with the following exceptions:

(1.) The record on pp. 398 and 400, regarding the reception of Rev. Albert R. Crawford on a certificate to the Presbytery of Cayuga, is contrary to the Book of Discipline, Section 115.

(2.) On p. 415, a Lutheran Church was received, and there is no record of the acceptance of the Form of Government.

The Records of the Presbyteries of Chile, Siam and Western Persia were not presented.

The Special Committee on Work in the Adirondack Region presented the following report, which was adopted:

Whereas, The work of planting and sustaining new Churches in the Adirondack region of the State of New York has been successfully carried on by contributions of Presbyterians and other Christians interested in that region, and resorting to it in the summer season, therefore

Resolved, That the Synod commends the work done under the supervision of Rev. Richard G. McCarthy, and approves its farther prosecution by the Presbyteries of that region especially interested in it.

The Committee of Visitors to the New York University presented the following report, which was accepted:

Your Committee met, by invitation of the Chancellor, at University Heights in May last, and was shown every courtesy, and given every opportunity to see the work done, as well as that planned. We were shown over the grounds, and had explained to us the scheme of the new buildings. We saw the athletic fields, the gymnasium, the laboratories, the library, and the recitation rooms, where we heard several recitations. We saw the young men in their dormitories, at their exercise, in their recitations and at prayer, and were enabled to form a very good idea of the work done by this great University. Your Committee was impressed with the importance and value of this work. Its tone was good, its ideal high, its scholarship abreast of the time, and its religious atmosphere wholesome. It seems to us to offer peculiar advantages to students from our Church, not only in the vicinity, but from

abroad. The especial provision made for needy and worthy students should attract men of this class. Its nearness to the great city of New York does not seem to destroy the scholastic atmosphere which traditionally belongs to such an institution, while at the same time it affords advantages denied to more suburban institutions.

Through the indefatigable effort of its scholarly Chancellor and other friends, it has, of late, come into the possession of funds warranting the somewhat extensive building now in process. The new Residence Hall, known as East Hall, is approaching completion, at a cost of $180,000, an anonymous gift. The chief building, which is to combine Library, Museum, Auditorium and administration offices, to cost over half a million dollars, is in progress. But professorship endowments are seriously lacking in amount and scope, a most discouraging drawback. The new year opens prosperously, however, and we believe the progress and usefulness of this institution which, in its past more confined environment, has starred its rolls with great names, will in the future be enhanced, and be an object of pride to the great Church whose watch and care it first sought a decade ago. We bespeak for it the enthusiastic interest, confidence and gifts, as well as patronage, of any seeking a place of progressive and scholarly education.

The Permanent Committee on Home Missions presented the following report, which was accepted:

Although at not half the meetings of Synod during the last ten years has any report been presented to the Synod on the subject of Home Missions, and this Synod's relation to it, yet your Committee does not feel justified in following this precedent of silence, and it respectfully asks attention to a brief report.

While we must recognize, with gratitude, that in many Churches this great object is duly presented and honored, yet the status of the Synod as a whole hardly permits us to indulge in self-congratulation. We are compelled to call attention to the fact that this Synod is steadily declining in its payments toward the support of our Church work, as conducted by the Board of Home Missions. In 1885–6 it gave $165,660; in 1895–6, $134,202; a decrease in ten years of $31,458. The amount given last year to the Home Board is less than the largest past gift by $35,926.

We must notice another fact, which also seems to indicate a failure to meet our responsibilities, namely, that as our gifts have decreased, so our demands on the Board have increased, from $23,461 to $36,391, an increase of fifty per cent. Putting these figures together, the actual decrease is about $48,000. What shall we say as to this decrease in giving and increase in receiving?

It would seem that our Synod, despite its constantly increasing wealth, and growth in numbers, is coming little by little to be a Mission field. Can we ascribe this condition of affairs to any causes which will be an excuse and justification? Your Committee is compelled to conclude, all allowance being made, that the loss is due chiefly to a lack of that spirit which

sanctifies wealth and ability to the point of sacrifice. It also seems that the deficiency in interest is largely due to a want of acquaintance with the needs of the country as a whole.

Your Committee has no resolutions to offer, inasmuch as the interests of this cause are under consideration in other ways. But we suggest that the *Church at Home and Abroad* does not take the place of a first-class Home Mission magazine; and, farther, that the publication in the Assembly Minutes of figures of benevolence made up by Clerks of Sessions, rather than the statement of the actual amount received by the Treasurer of the Board, tends to cover over the apparent neglect to give directly to this branch of the Church work.

The Committee to nominate Visitors to Colleges and Seminaries reported, recommending the following appointments:

Auburn Seminary: *Ministers*—G. Parsons Nichols, William K. Hall, James C. Forsythe, Herman C. Riggs, Thomas J. Brown; *Elders*—Ralph E. Prime, William S. Doughty, John E. Myer, Kiliaen Van Rensselaer.

Hamilton College: *Ministers*—Wallace W. Thorpe, Charles A. Richmond, Robert Clements, Charles S. Richardson, J. Wilford Jacks; *Elders*—William A. Hubbard, Elijah B. Hedding, James W. Eager, Benjamin P. Wayne.

New York University: *Ministers*—J. Howard Hobbs, T. Ralston Smith, N. Beall Remick, David F. Bonner, Henry H. Stebbins; *Elders*—Percy A. Bromfield, George H. Southard, Henry W. Jessup, Henry W. Derby.

The recommendation was adopted.

The Committee to nominate a Judicial Commission for the trial of Case No. 2 reported, recommending the following names:

Ministers—Donald McLaren, James N. Crocker, Almon R. Hewitt, Joseph Gamble, A. Parke Burgess, Horace P. V. Bogue, George B. Spalding, Charles S. Lane; *Elders*—John R. Strang, Alburn S. Parmelee, Richard H. Bloom, George M. Welles, Cassius N. McFarren, Orrin F. Payne, Mallory D. Schoonmaker.

The report was adopted.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Adjourned until Friday at half-past nine o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 7:30 o'clock P. M.

A popular meeting was held in the interest of Home Missions. Elder John Crosby Brown presided, and addresses were delivered by Rev. William C. Roberts, D. D., Secretary of the Board, Rev. Robert M. Donaldson, and Rev. John Hall, D. D.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 9:30 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of Thursday's sessions were read and approved.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported on papers referred to it, as follows, and its recommendations were adopted:

No. 1. A Petition of the First Church of Jefferson to be transferred from the Presbytery of Albany to the Presbytery of Otsego.

It is recommended that no action be taken, inasmuch as the petition is dated March 7, while at the meeting of the Presbytery of Albany in September last the Church withdrew its request, and certified its preference to remain in connection with the Presbytery of Albany.

No. 9. A Petition from the Churches of Holyoke and Springfield, in the Presbytery of Boston, for a change in the boundary between the Presbyteries of Boston and Westchester.

It is recommended that action be deferred for the present, and that the Presbytery of Westchester be requested to report to the Synod, next year, its desire in the premises.

Nos. 6, 7, 8. Overtures from the Presbyteries of Albany, Nassau and Steuben asking for changes in the Plan of Sustentation.

It is recommended that the following be adopted:

Whereas, This Synod is determined in its belief that it ought to provide for all home missionary work within its own borders, and thereby relieve the Board of Home Missions, (except that the Presbytery of Boston should continue in direct relation with the Board,) and

Whereas, The present plan of Synodical Aid has failed to provide sufficient funds for this purpose, therefore

Resolved, That a Committee of nine be appointed by the Moderator to report to the Synod next year a plan for Synodical Aid, especial attention being given to what is known as the New Jersey Plan, and that, in the meantime,

the Presbyteries be urged to attempt self-support, as recommended by the General Assembly.

Nos. 3, 4, 5. Overtures from the Presbyteries of Albany, Geneva and Utica, in regard to a change in the time of holding the Missionary Congress.

It is recommended, that it be considered inexpedient at this time to make any change in the date of holding the Missionary Congress.

Other papers entrusted to the Committee do not come within its province; and it is recommended that they be referred as follows:

No. 2. A communication from the Stated Clerk of the Assembly, to the Permanent Committee on Education.

No. 10. Regarding the Evangelization of the world, to the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions.

No. 11. From the American Anti-Saloon League, to the Committee on Temperance.

In relation to No. 12, embracing certain letters from individual members of the Presbytery of North River, it is recommended that no action be taken.

The report of the Fourth Missionary Congress was presented and accepted, and its recommendations were adopted, as follows:

The Missionary Congress of the Synod is no longer an experiment. Four have been held,—at Saratoga in the First Church in 1893; at Rochester in the Brick Church in 1894; at Oneida in the First Church in 1895; and in Calvary Church, Buffalo, in 1896. Each year large gatherings have listened to the clear, vigorous presentation of the claims of our beloved Church, expressed through the several Boards. We have discussed the vital, practical questions growing out of the work of each Board. We have brought face to face with those not often accustomed to hear and meet them, God's heroes and heroines from our Home and Foreign Mission fields. We have awakened in many hearts new interest, and called out from many purses increased offerings. Through the Synod's Committee similar Committees in the Presbyteries have been aroused to accomplish more systematic, effective work, notably the aggressive Foreign Missionary gatherings in New York, Westchester and other Presbyteries. These and many other things have been wrought at the minimum of expense and machinery, and with absolutely no expense to the Synod; and best of all, as a result of our Buffalo Congress last June, there is a balance in the Treasury of over one hundred dollars.

As the pioneer Synod in this great movement, several others of our strongest Synods have followed ours, notably, New Jersey, Ohio and Illinois, with others still to come. Many in our own Synod who have hitherto been indifferent, have united with the Committee, and many others, including all the Secretaries of the Boards, in the firm conviction that the Synod has here an agency for mighty power and far-reaching blessings. Hearty co-operation on the part of all Pastors and Churches can easily make these annual gatherings

of unlimited value, under God, to our denominational work, and to the upbuilding and coming of the Kingdom of God upon the earth.

The Fourth Congress met in Calvary Church, Buffalo, Rev. William J. McKittrick, Pastor, June 8, 9, 10, 1896. The departments of Christian Endeavor, Sunday School, Missions to Freedmen, Church Erection, and Home Missions including Synodical Aid, were discussed. Able speakers, including some of our Home Missionaries, were secured from all parts of our country. We record with gratitude the marked welcome and free hospitality accorded us by the loyal Presbyterians of Buffalo, and especially the Pastor, officers and people of Calvary Church, through whose efficient and generous sub-committees the work was so smoothly carried on.

In the last General Assembly the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions reported regarding one phase of the Congress Committee work, as follows:— "Your Committee most cordially endorses this movement in its object and in the methods employed, and urges it upon the attention of all the Synods and Presbyteries of our Church." And the Assembly reiterated its action of 1894, (Minutes of 1894, p. 157,) heartily endorsing these Congresses.

It is recommended:

1. That a Fifth Missionary Congress be held during the coming year, the time, place and arrangements to be left to the Executive Committee.

2. That this Congress, if the Executive Committee can so arrange, include in its programme the work of all the Boards of the Church, giving special place to Home and Foreign Missions.

3. That the following Chairmen of the Committees on the Boards of the Church, etc., constitute the Committee for the coming year: Rev. John Balcom Shaw, D.D., *Chairman;* Rev. Samuel T. Clarke, *Secretary;* Rev. Gerard B. F. Hallock, D.D., *Treasurer;* Rev. Edward Huntting Rudd, Rev. George C. Yeisley, D.D., Rev. Allen Macy Dulles, D.D., Rev. A. Woodruff Halsey, Rev. Martin D. Kneeland, D.D., Rev. L. Merrill Miller, D.D., Rev. Charles A. Richmond, Rev. Samuel W. Pratt.

4. That the Committee have power to fill all vacancies in their number.

The following Minute was adopted relating to Turkish persecutions of Armenians:

Resolved, That the Synod of New York, of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, moved not only by the spirit of our Christian religion, but also by that spirit of compassion which is the heritage of our common humanity, desires to utter its protest against the long-continued persecution and slaughter of the Armenian subjects of the Sultan of Turkey, as a reproach to both civilization and religion, and as a crime against human nature. As the representatives of a large body of the disciples of Jesus, we extend to those of our Armenian brethren and sisters who have survived these persecutions our sympathy in the terrible ordeal through which they are passing, and in the privations and sufferings and bereavements that they are now

enduring. As loyal citizens of the United States, we wish to assure our Chief Executive that we shall give him our sympathy and our support in any action that he may deem wise to secure protection for the lives and property of American missionaries now laboring on Turkish soil, and to demand and obtain from the Turkish Government prompt and full redress for the loss of property that American missionaries and missionary societies have sustained.

Resolved, That we urge Pastors and Sessions of our Churches to place this matter before their congregations in the sanctuary service, that public sentiment may be aroused and manifested so strongly as to cause this terrible persecution to cease; that earnest and sustained prayer as part of the sanctuary service, be made to our God that He may be pleased to place over His afflicted, down-trodden and oppressed people His protecting hand, and provide for them a great deliverance, and that He will remove out of the way all obstacles which stand in the way of human efforts to the same end; and that the Synod designate the Sabbath preceding next Thanksgiving Day as the time for all our congregations simultaneously to meet for such purpose of prayer, and for otherwise considering the matter in the sanctuary.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions, duly attested, be transmitted to the President of the United States.

Elder John R. Strang was excused from serving on the Judicial Commission, and Elder Christopher M. Young, on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, was appointed in his place.

The consideration of the report on Synodical Aid was resumed, and its recommendations were adopted. The report is as follows:

Immediately after the adjournment of the Synod last year, the apportionments were duly signified to the Presbyteries, and the demands of our needy Churches were urged upon their immediate notice. The Committee has been called together, for consultation, three times. Extensive correspondence has been held; and forcible addresses in regard to the work were made by Rev. Dr. Charles H. Baldwin and others in the Missionary Congress in Buffalo.

The Committee has been encouraged by three things. First, fault has been found, that so little, compared with what had been expected, has been accomplished financially; while it is acknowledged that the work in the feeble Churches has not been in better shape than it is now. Second, inquiry and action have been instituted in quarters where we feared little or nothing would be done. And third, plans have been suggested, from different parts of the State, whereby there is reason to hope the desired results will be accomplished. It is not, therefore, too much to expect that the

entire Synod will be stirred with anxiety, and to earnest effort to place the Home Missionary work in this State on a basis of successful operation.

Now what is wanted to sustain our feeble Churches? With $32,000 paid into the treasury promptly, all needs would be met, and a small margin would be left. Instead of this, a little over $15,000 is the largest amount raised directly for the Synodical Aid Fund, in any one year. The difference has been paid from the funds of the Board. Evidently some Churches, relying upon the Board, have failed to give anything directly to this fund. It is also plain that every dollar given is so much relief and help to our overburdened Home Mission treasury. The purpose is to help sustain entirely the needs at our own doors, without diminishing the resources of the Board. Yet while the number of Churches requiring aid is about the same as last year, the number of Churches giving is not as large and the amounts given are less. The depressed condition of trade, and the stringency of money in part account for this; but the needs of these dependent Churches remain the same, and pinching times have come to the faithful Pastors who have supplied these scattered flocks. From these same Churches, too, the drain of their best material is great towards the cities, and they supply some of our best and most promising Pastors.

The table submitted shows the financial results of the year; but the amount received would be largely increased if we should add to it the sums directly given to their needy Churches by the Presbyteries of Buffalo, Binghamton, Long Island and New York.

Presbyteries.	Contributions.	Appropriations.
Albany	$1,538.07	$1,850.00
Binghamton	356 85	1,506.24
Boston	8.00	.....
Brooklyn	179.66	800.00
Buffalo	93.50	2,252.02
Cayuga	278 49	1,137.50
Champlain	172.87	1,625.83
Chemung	251.31	550 00
Columbia	223.44	1,037.50
Genesee	112.71	112.50
Geneva	276.27	305.55
Hudson	338.08	856.25
Long Island	12.00	.....
Lyons	109.69	800.00
Nassau	164 00	1,087.50
New York	1,093.44	4,672.72
Niagara	105.93	.....
North River	192.16	337.50
Otsego	211.62	865 00
Rochester	378.35	1,295 00
St. Lawrence	166.23	850.00
Steuben	158.58	876.25
Syracuse	332.37	1,376.25
Troy	470.06	1,420.83
Utica	667 12	1,180 39
Westchester	578.34	207 50
Miscellaneous	37.00	.....
Synodical Missionary	.....	2,000 00
Total	$8,506.14	$29,002.33

The Committee is constrained to say, more emphatically than ever, that the object of Synodical Aid commands our sincerest efforts to make it effectual. In all the action taken, year by year, the Synod has cordially approved the work, and enjoined it upon the Churches, asking for special collections without diminishing the amounts given to the Board for its general operations. We believe that we have had the fullest sympathy of the Board. And its beloved and faithful treasurer, and ours, Mr. Oliver D. Eaton, lately gone to his reward, was ever ready to assist and encourage the Committee in its work. The feeble Churches, also, in many instances, show their appreciation of the plan, by faithfully taking collections for its support, besides giving something to the Home Board.

We have only to add that the present scheme is an easy one, and would be entirely efficient if the Presbyteries should respond, to the full measure of the apportionment. We know the number of the needy Churches and the extent of their wants. If the whole amount asked for from the Synod is paid, the full proportion for each needy Church will be immediately forwarded to it. The desire of the Committee is that the Synod should fully appreciate the situation, and promptly meet the conditions. Should any better plan be formulated, the Committee will be glad to step aside, or to co-operate as the way may be opened. It is recommended :

1. That the Rev. James N. Crocker, D. D., be continued as the Synodical Superintendent for the State of New York, with the same salary as last year.

2. That the sum of $30,000 be apportioned among the Presbyteries and Churches for carrying on this work during the coming year.

3. That the Permanent Committee be continued until otherwise ordered.

The Permanent Committee on the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted:

"Attempt great things for God; expect great things from God." This motto of the Cobbler Missionary Carey has seemingly served as the motto of this the Benjamin of the Boards. In our great West the cause and work of Christian Education is at once the beginning and the end of all true, abiding growth. The splendid work of the public educational system has wrought great results, but it was and is unequal to solve the whole problem. The remarkable work of this Board supplements and complements the public system. Recall its aim emphasized last year: "It seeks to aid in founding and maintaining the work of Christian Education. It urges the systematic study of the Bible as a text-book, and it makes no apology for this policy." Some of the Eastern Colleges and Universities are only now beginning to realize the need of this as an accepted part of the curriculum.

The figures of this ever-increasing, expanding and deepening work are significant. Thirty-four Colleges were aided during the year. One hundred and fifty students accepted and believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. Two hundred and fifteen young men are planning to enter the Christian Ministry.

Wisdom and economy have been so apparent in all the administrative work, that we again express hearty endorsement of the secretarial work of that efficient, fearless man of God, Rev. Edward C. Ray, D.D., and the work of all associated with him in responsibility. We desire them to have the assurance of the Synod's grateful appreciation of what they are doing amidst so many obstacles. And we must not fail to recognize the self-denial and heroism practised during the year by faithful teachers, unable to secure present or past salary due. It is recommended:

1. That we cordially reaffirm the resolutions passed by the last General Assembly, commending this Board to the increased generosity of the Church.

2. That each Pastor place this matter before his people through the printed page, and by special appeals.

3. That, as far as possible, the Churches observe the last Thursday of January as a Day of Prayer for Colleges and all Christian Education, and that on the preceding or succeeding Lord's Day the claims of this Board be presented by the Pastor, and a liberal offering urged.

4. That Elders Horace Briggs and Frank M. Ellery be appointed members of the Committee in place of Elders George H. Sickels and Joshua S. Helmer; and that the Committee be authorized to fill vacancies that may occur.

The special Committee on imperfectly organized Churches presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted:

The Committee appointed last year "to take into consideration the relation to the Synod of imperfectly organized Churches within its bounds," respectfully reports:

1. Inasmuch as the relation to the Presbyterian Church, of those Churches which retain in part the Congregational form of government was established by the General Assembly prior to the division in 1837, and was further recognized and provided for in the compact which resulted in the reunion of the two Assemblies in 1870, it is the prerogative of the Assembly rather than the Synod to continue, modify or terminate said relation. At the same time, as the few Churches of this description which remain are mostly if not entirely within the bounds of this Synod, it is proper that this body should present the subject to the Assembly, provided it shall be deemed expedient that any action be taken.

2. By reference to the Minutes of 1896, we find within the bounds of this Synod only fourteen Churches reporting no Elders and therefore imperfectly organized, which belong to the five Presbyteries of Binghamton, Champlain, Otsego, Rochester and Syracuse.

Of these Churches five have pastors, eight stated supplies, and one is vacant. All but one have paid the Assembly apportionment. They have 53 deacons, and 1,747 communicants, and have contributed to the Boards $2,155,

and for self-support $16,788. As far as can be traced from the Report of the Board of Home Missions for 1895, only two of these Churches have received aid from that source.

There has been correspondence with the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries named asking whether these Churches were giving trouble to the Presbyteries, and inviting the fullest disclosure of facts and opinions respecting them.

In determining all questions having to do with the Churches under consideration, we should never be forgetful of their early history as associated with that of Central and Western New York. These few Churches stand as monuments of the truly Catholic spirit which actuated the fathers to yield somewhat of denominational preference in order that the infant Churches might be all the stronger as the result of union.

Presbyterians from Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and Congregationalists from New England, were as sheep scattered in the wilderness a hundred years ago; and the missionaries from the General Assembly, and the Congregational Associations, who gathered them into Churches, did a work which for self-denying piety and practical wisdom can hardly be excelled.

Your Committee, therefore, considering the small and constantly decreasing number of these imperfectly organized Churches, the peaceful relations which they have sustained to their several Presbyteries, the peculiar embarrassments which have prevented them from electing elders, and the loyalty which they have manifested towards our Boards and the higher courts of our Church, recommends:

1. That the Synod commend its Presbyteries for the judicious course which they have pursued towards these Churches in the past, in itself an assurance that as Presbyteries they need no specific directions for their guidance in the future.

2. That the Synod deprecate any movement which shall invite discussion as to the relation of these Churches to our Presbyterian body, or their rights as constituent parts of the same, and therefore consider it inexpedient to give a specific deliverance on the subject which the Committee was appointed to consider.

3. That if any Church or any Presbytery have grievances which demand redress, the Synod advise that the same, as specific cases in proper judicial form, be presented to the courts of the Church for authoritative decision.

The Committee appointed last year to defend the action of the Synod against any appeals or complaints before the General Assembly, reported that it had discharged the duty assigned it, and that the Appeal and Complaint of Mr. Charles E. Cochrane had been dismissed by the Assembly. The report was accepted.

The Permanent Committee on Ministerial Relief presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted:

That the work of the Board of Ministerial Relief is very dear to the heart of the Church is made manifest by the fact that during the past fiscal year, so famous for its financial failures, the receipts of this treasury were greater than in the previous year. The report of this Board to the Assembly, in contrast with other reports, was like a patch of sunshine in a shaded and sombre wood. It said but little of debt, and much of a faithful, economical administration of an important trust; and indicated diligent and successful efforts in maintaining current receipts on a level with its expenditures. The chief reliance of the Board in meeting its increasing needs has been the active interest of the faithful elders and Pastors of the Churches. The gifts obtained through the yearly presentation of the claims of this Board, have, even during these stringent times, kept the permanent fund intact, and not a dollar of this fund has ever been lost through poor investments.

The total income from contributions of Churches, Sabbath Schools and individuals, and from investments, for the year ending in April last, was $171,-557. This Synod gave $21,110 of this sum, 514 of its Churches being represented in this beneficence, while 339 manifested a cool indifference to the needs and claims of the 315 disabled and aged ministers, and the hundreds of widows and orphans, cared for by the Board. It is difficult to understand the cause of such apathy. A contribution needs not to be a large one to indicate proper sympathy with a good object. Had all the non-contributing congregations in the Church given last year but $3 each on an average, the funds of the Board would have been increased by over $11,000. Nearly $19,000 of the $21,000 given by the Churches of this Synod, have been drawn out in aid of those recommended by its Presbyteries. It is recommended:

1. That the Presbyteries be instructed to urge upon all non-contributing Churches the claims of this Board.

2. That the Elders of the Synod be commended for their interest in this object in the past, and be urged to continued fidelity in presenting its needs.

The Permanent Committee on Missions for Freedmen presented the following report, which was adopted:

At this late hour in the session, the Committee simply recommends that the Synod express its conviction that the method pursued lately to some extent by the Board, of sending the heads of its colleges to inform our congregations of its work, seems to be most successful in creating deep interest in Missions among the Freedmen, and is both wise and profitable.

The Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions presented the following report, which was accepted:

The contributions for the year ending April 1 were $65,355, a decrease of about $4,000 since last year. This loss is from our Societies, Bands and Sab-

bath Schools, the Christian Endeavor Societies showing a small gain. Interest in the Freedmen's work has continued to increase, a gain of over $2,000 having been made there. Fifty Missionary Superintendents and Teachers are supported by our Auxiliary Societies, besides many pupils in annual and perpetual scholarships. These are represented in each of the six fields in which the work of our Societies is carried on among the Freedmen, Indians, Mexicans, Alaskans, Mountain Whites and Mormons. From all these fields come such reports of increased needs, and of a longing for teaching and help, mental and spiritual, that the need for retrenchment seems cruel. Pupils are clamoring to be taken into our Schools, in all these fields. The self-denial of our teachers in prosecuting their work under such pressing difficulties cannot be too highly commended.

Among the laborers in the different Presbyterial Societies there have been great awakening and activity. New organizations are reported, and in some cases the revival of old ones has followed. Visitation by Presbyterial Officers and members of the Synodical Committee has been particularly helpful here. Three of our Presbyterial Societies report that the action of the Presbyteries recommending the formation of Societies in all their Churches has proved most helpful in entering new fields. Quarterly payments are being urged in all our Auxiliaries, and an effort is made to secure more nearly the full quota of the year's amount in the first three quarters of the year, to avoid the great deficit in the summer contributions.

Acknowledging with devout thankfulness the continued blessing of God upon our work, in the patient continuance in well-doing of our workers both on Mission fields and at home, and in the outpouring of His Holy Spirit upon our schools in so marked a degree, we respectfully submit this report.

The Committee to nominate Trustees of the Synod, and Trustees and Examiners of Elmira College, presented its report, which was accepted, and the following persons were duly elected:

Trustees of the Synod: Rev. Charles S. Robinson, D.D., Rev. Robert F. Sample, D.D., William A. Wheelock, John J. McCook, for the term expiring in 1899; Charles Henderson, in place of Edward Wells, deceased, for the term expiring in 1898; and Thomas G. Ritch, in place of James Bayles, deceased, for the term expiring in 1897.

Trustees of Elmira College: Rev. Augustus W. Cowles, D.D., Rev. Isaac Jennings, D.D., Rev. A. Cameron Mackenzie, D.D., Mallory D. Schoonmaker, H. Austin Clark, Hubert C. Mandeville, Mrs. Helen M. McWilliams, for the term expiring in 1899; and John S. Bussing, in place of Alexander S. Diven, deceased, for the term expiring in 1898.

Examiners: Rev. James Gardner, D.D., Rev. Peter R. Ross, Prof. Ezra J. Peck, for the term expiring in 1899.

The following Minute, in reference to Armenian refugees, was adopted, after an address by Elder Kiliaen Van Rensselaer,

who was invited to speak on the subject, and also commissioned to present this action at a public meeting to be held in Carnegie Hall, New York:

The Synod of New York, representing in its communion some 200,000, and a following of about 500,000 through the State, deprecates the action of the Federal Immigration authorities, whereby the spirit of the law is seemingly violated regarding the exclusion of Armenian refugees from our country. In connection with the arrival of a large number of these refugees, men, women and children, who escaped from the recent Constantinople massacre, the Synod is pained to learn that Dr. Senner, who is at the head of the Immigration Board at the port of New York, contemplates sending back to Turkish ports these refugees, who are not to become a public charge. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Synod protests against such action, and beseeches the authorities, in the name of our common humanity, to extend to these Armenians every facility for entering our cities of refuge.

Resolved, That a copy of this action be sent through the Moderator to Dr. Senner at Ellis Island, and a copy to the President of the United States.

The Permanent Committee on Publication and Sabbath School work presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted:

The last Annual Report of the Board is an encouraging one. Notwithstanding the continued financial depression, the Business Department reports sales amounting to nearly $300,000. We should gratefully recognize the service rendered to our Church and country by so large an issue of sound religious and denominational literature, amounting to 1,936,326 copies of books and tracts, and 21,414,364 copies of periodicals. It should be remembered, moreover, that this department of our Church work, instead of involving any expense, yielded last year a net profit of $31,146. Two-thirds of this, equal to $20,764, was contributed to the support of Sabbath School Mission work; and out of the remainder was paid two-thirds of the salary of the Secretary, and all the expenses of the Editorial Department.

The Sabbath School and Mission Department, for the first time, reports a decline in its receipts, as compared with those of the previous year; the total decrease being $10,821. Of this amount $2,030 is due to a falling off in the contribution of the Churches and Sabbath Schools. We regret to note that all of this sum and more may be charged to diminished contributions in our own Synod; our Churches and Schools having given $2,315 less than during the previous year. In view of the vast field in which our Sabbath School Missionaries are called to labor, and the multitude of children and youth throughout our land who are destitute of religious instruction, is it too much to ask that an earnest effort be made at least to double the contribution of last year? This great Synod gave then only $15,482. Should we advance this

to $30,000, we should still fall below our proportionate share of the $200,000 which the Assembly has recommended the Churches to raise this year.

Notwithstanding decreased contributions, the Missionary work of the Board has been pushed with vigor. The number of Missionaries employed during the year was 107, of whom 15 were summer auxiliaries. The number of Synodical and Presbyterial Missionaries is 80, three less than were reported last year. These have labored in 29 States and Territories, have organized 1,030 new schools, reorganized 363, and gathered into the schools 51,890 teachers and pupils. It is a significant and encouraging fact that through Sabbath Schools organized in 1894–95, thirty-eight Presbyterian Churches have been developed. The number of Churches which, during five years, have grown out of schools established by our Missionaries, is 367. It is recommended:

1. That the Synod earnestly call upon all the Churches, Sabbath Schools, Young People's Societies, and individual members within its bounds, to give promptly and liberally to our Sabbath School Missions, and thus do their share towards raising, during the coming year, the $200,000 recommended by the Assembly for this work.

2. That every Sabbath School be urged to observe Children's Day, making a generous offering to Sabbath School Missions; and also Rallying Day, combining an effort to gather in the Sabbath School members scattered by the vacation, with a systematic effort to gather the neglected youth of the neighborhood, and to begin a persistent movement towards the improvement of the School; and that a Rallying Day in the spring be recommended for rural Sabbath Schools.

3. That, rejoicing in the high character and success of the Westminster Lesson Helps and Papers provided by the Board, the Synod recommend all its Schools to use them in preference to all others.

4. That the Synod recommend the new Hymnal, published by this Board, for adoption in all our Churches, as, in the language of the General Assembly, "the best obtainable manual of praise."

5. That in order to increase the efficiency of our Synodical Sabbath School work, the Committee be authorized to divide its work into four departments, and that a member of the Committee be placed in special charge of each.

(1.) The Sabbath School and Missionary Department, with these two objects, first, to bring into the Sabbath Schools of the Synod all within their neighborhood yet unreached, by a thorough, systematic canvass made by teachers and pupils; and second, to increase the offerings of the Churches, Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies to Presbyterian Sabbath School Missions.

(2.) The Home Department, with the object of inducing every Sabbath School of the Synod to organize and maintain, as an integral part of its work, a Home Department.

(3.) The Primary Department, with the object of placing within the reach of all primary workers the most improved methods of teaching.

(4.) The Normal Class Department, with the object of inducing all the Sabbath Schools, as far as practicable, to organize and conduct normal classes for the thorough preparation of Sabbath School teachers.

6. That the Presbyteries be recommended to divide the work of their Committees on Publication and Sabbath School Work into the four departments above specified, giving the special charge of each to a member of the Committee, the Chairman having supervision over all the departments.

7. That the Synod affectionately urge all officers and teachers of its Sabbath Schools to keep steadily in mind the great object of this work, the conversion to Christ, and the upbuilding in Christ, of all our scholars.

8. That Rev. Daniel H. Overton and Elder William McCarroll be appointed members of the Committee in place of Rev. Donald McLaren, D.D., and Elder Charles M. Jesup, resigned, and that Rev. A. Woodruff Halsey be appointed Chairman.

A recess was taken until 2 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY, October 23, 2 o'clock P.M.

The Synod met, and was opened with prayer by the Vice-Moderator.

The Committee of Visitors to Hamilton College presented the following report, which was accepted:

Only the Chairman of the Committee reached the College on the day appointed for the visit, October 9. He was received most cordially by President Stryker, and welcomed with every courtesy by other members of the Faculty. It was a pleasure to find Professor North in the chair which he has adorned for more than half a century; and to meet some of his junior associates just entering upon work in the class-room with enthusiasm kindled during research in foreign lands. There was opportunity for admiring again the beautiful situation of the campus, and the charming view over the historic valleys. The College buildings stand pleasantly related. The ample grounds, all neatly kept, are pushing westward, and to the edge of the groves. Well-prepared space is devoted to open air athletics. Though 900 feet above the sea, the College has an ample supply of running water, giving added conveniences in the main buildings and the gymnasium, and increased protection against fire.

The students were seen in the Chapel, in the hearty song and reverent attention found at morning prayers. They were heard in the class-rooms, where, divided into small sections, they came close to the several instructors in frequent recitation, and each student became an individual problem for the teacher. They were visited in their rooms, where the atmosphere seemed cheerful and wholesome.

The College is not under ecclesiastical supervision or denominational control. The students are of many creeds. But the visitor cannot fail to discover that the spirit of the College is thoroughly Christian. Attendance at daily prayers, in the Chapel, and at Sunday services in the same place, is required. Devotional meetings, at which presence is voluntary, are held by the students on Sunday afternoon and Thursday evening. There is systematic Biblical instruction during the four years of study. Silliman Hall, with its handsome parlors, spacious reading-rooms, and kindred conveniences, offers a choice home for the Young Men's Christian Association, and stimulus and strength for a religious life. Students having the ministry in view appreciate the elective course in Hebrew which is offered in the Senior year.

The Committee does not hesitate to commend Hamilton College. It is the home of diligent study and peerless oratory. Its search, in sky or strata, has been fearless. Its inductions have been honest. Its charity has been broad. Its piety has been visible, vital, valiant. Hamilton College deserves praise and rewards confidence.

The Committee on Temperance presented an oral report, which was accepted, and it was

Resolved, That the Synod records its gratitude that the necessary legislation has been secured in regard to scientific temperance instruction in our public schools, and expresses the hope that the school authorities will secure its thorough working in every public school in the State.

The Permanent Committee on Church Erection presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted:

The vital work of Home Missions would be inferior and transitory were it not followed and completed by that promoter of Christian civilization, the local Church building. The Board of Church Erection gives a home to Pastor and people. It may be called the Home Department of the Church, and it lies very near to its heart. Into its hands are committed three funds, General, Loan and Manse, which require delicate and faithful administration. We summarize a few facts, figures and results of this administration, for the past year:

1. The General Fund:

Permanent Investments	$150,000
Appropriations, General and Special	80,699
Churches helped in 30 States and Territories	172

2. The Loan Fund:

Invested Capital	$245,000
Annual Income	40,000
Grants to Applicants for Loans	38,000
Applications rejected for lack of funds	50,000

3. The Manse Fund:

Capital	$86,000
Loans to 170 Manses	52,500
Loans granted during the year	47

Considering these three funds as one, we have this summary for the year:

Churches Aided	224
Churches and Manses completed	193
Value of the same	$573,280
Receipts from the Churches	49,831
Receipts from all sources	118,092
Disbursements and Expenses	165,582

No debt rests upon the Board. This, however, results from the fact that many applications for aid were rejected for lack of funds. Less than $50,000 has been given, by the whole Church, the past year, to the treasury of this Board.

Let us now glean a few statistics from the reports of our Synod. The number of contributing Churches, 460, shows a slight increase the past year; still it is less than one-half the number on our roll, while other facts are still less encouraging.

The total receipts from our Churches were $12,842, and the total grants to our Churches $5,600, so that this great and rich Synod received back, in aid of its weak Churches, almost one-half of what all its Churches gave.

Comparing this summary with that of the previous year, we see that the receipts are smaller, and the grants larger. This fact becomes more startling, when we notice a steady decline in receipts from year to year. In 1893, our Synod reported, for Church Erection, more than thrice the amount given in 1896. This may have been due partly to exceptional causes, but these will not account for the fact that while the Church has increased in numbers, it has largely decreased in its offerings to this object. Let not the Churches attribute their deficiencies entirely to the general depression in business. In some instances, there seems to be a marked narrowing of vision to local needs, while the weak and needy Churches at a distance are forgotten.

Commending the faithfulness and ability with which the affairs of this Board have been administered, we offer the following recommendations:

1. That it be urged upon all the Churches of this Synod to contribute toward this Board the coming year.

2. That this Synod seek to raise, the coming year, $18,000 toward this important and growing work.

3. That the Synod call the attention of the Churches to the needy fields in her own bounds, especially in New England.

The Committee on Church Temporalities presented the following additional report, which was accepted and its recommendation was adopted:

Your Committee has been charged with reporting the relation of the Presbyterian Church to the Government of the State of New York, and what amendments are necessary to maintain the rights and privileges of the Church in that State. In the midst of the busy work of the session no such examination and report can be made. From the examination before made, however, and from the discussion of the subject before the Synod, the Committee is of opinion that there should be no delay in taking the steps necessary to direct, in the name of the Synod, the proposal of such further amendments of the statutes of the State of New York as will put the holding of meetings of our Churches and congregations in the hands of the Churches and congregations as nearly as may be as it existed prior to the statute of 1895.

It recommends the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Temporalities, appointed by the Synod in 1895, to consider the Statutes of the State of New York relating to the temporalities of the Church, be continued, and be directed to prepare and present a memorial to the Legislature of the State of New York which shall be signed by its officers in the name of the Synod, and to cause the same to be presented to the Legislature of the State of New York, praying such amendments of the statutes as shall remove all statutory restriction or direction as to the call of, the notice for, the presiding officer of, the manner of conducting, and the qualifications of voters at, all meetings of the Church or congregation, except at such meetings as shall be called for the election of Trustees not spiritual officers.

The Judicial Commission in Case No. 2 presented the following report of its finding, which was ordered to be entered in the minutes:

The Judicial Commission appointed to issue the complaint against the Presbytery of New York reports, that it has dismissed the case on the ground that the General Assembly has already given an answer in the matter involved, in its deliverance of 1896, *Minutes*, p. 161.

Exception was taken to the ruling of the Moderator in permitting the members of the Presbytery of New York to vote during the proceedings in this case.

The Moderator and Stated Clerk were authorized to appoint a member of the Synod to defend its action in Judicial Case No. 2, in case any complaint or appeal shall be carried to the General Assembly.

The following Protest was entered against the action of the Synod:

The undersigned respectfully protests against the partial record, as made by the Synod of New York, in reference to the complaint against the Presbytery of New York, because

1. In order to maintain the full integrity of the record in judicial cases, each decision of the Moderator and of the Court, whether in the affirmative or negative, should go on record.

2. Negative action or decision may involve great injustice.

3. Failure to record may exclude from consideration in the higher Court most vital issues, inasmuch as the higher Court, sitting as a court of review, can review only what is contained in the record.

4. Many things were omitted; but this we especially mention—the omission to record the vote taken yesterday to dismiss the complaint, and the vote taken to reconsider this dismissal.

JAMES G. PATTERSON.

The Rev. Messrs. L. Merrill Miller, D.D., James Gardner, D.D., T. Ralston Smith, D.D., and Elder Henry White were appointed a Committee to report an answer to the Protest.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was accepted and approved:

The Committee on Finance reports, that the accounts of the Treasurer of the Synod have been examined, compared with the accompanying vouchers, and found to be correct. All of the Presbyteries have paid their apportionments for the past year. It also finds that the amount in the treasury, applicable to the payment of outstanding claims, and the expenses of the current year, is $1,152.98.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the usual salaries, and the bills for the expenses of the Synod.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reported that there seems to be nothing in the Minutes requiring the action of the Synod, and the report was accepted.

The Committee on the Observance of the Lord's Day was re-appointed.

The following were appointed the Special Committee on a Plan of Synodical Aid: *Ministers*—J. McClellan Holmes, Henry Ward, George Alexander, G. Parsons Nichols, Richard D. Harlan; *Elders*—Ralph E. Prime, Darwin R. James, Horace B. Silliman, Henry C. Hooker, John H. Osborne.

Elder Charles S. Allen, a delegate appointed by the Presbytery of Albany, sent reasons for his absence, which were sustained.

The Committee to nominate the Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions presented a report, which was accepted, and the persons nominated were duly appointed. (See Appendix.)

The following Minute was adopted by unanimous vote:

The Synod of New York, in closing its sessions in the First Church of Brooklyn, records its profound sense of obligation to the beloved Pastor of the Church and his able associates on the Committee of Arrangements, to the Trustees of the Congregation, to the families of the Church and of other Churches, who have so charmingly entertained the members of the body, to the choir-master and the choir of the Church, who have most efficiently, and to the great edification of the Synod, directed the worship of song, and to all who have contributed, by their care, kindness and courtesy, to the comfort of the Synod and the facilitation of its business. The delightful memories of the session will long abide in the hearts of the delegates, who, severally as well as collectively, have warmly appreciated the attentions of their most obliging and painstaking hosts.

Cordial thanks are tendered, also, to the Press of Brooklyn for its full reports of the proceedings of the Synod, and to the Railway Companies of the Trunk Line Association for their courtesy in granting a reduction of fares.

The Rev. Charles Cuthbert Hall, D. D., responded for the Committee of Arrangements, and the Moderator made an appropriate address.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that the following members had received permission to withdraw before the close of the sessions:

Presbytery of Albany: Minister—Leslie R. Groves; Elder—Oliver S. Kline.

Binghamton: Ministers—J. Lovejoy Robertson, Peter R. Ross.

Boston: Ministers—John E. Wildey, Louis V. Price; Elders—James Burke, John Gilchrist.

Brooklyn: Elder—Robert Henderson.

Buffalo: Minister—William S. Hubbell; Elder—John E. Myer.

Champlain: Minister—Joseph Gamble.

Chemung: Ministers—Isaac Jennings, Charles H. Kilmer; Elders—Orlando R. Borthwick, Matthew H. Gray.

Columbia: Elder—L. Carlton Austin.

Genesee: Elder—Edward C. Walker.

Geneva: Ministers—William H. Webb, N. Beall Remick, William W. Weller, J. Jones Lawrence; Elders—Cassius N. McFarren, Aurelius M. Dickerson, Lyman E. Jacobus.

Hudson: Ministers—Thomas B. Thomas, James R. Mann; Elders—Henry M. Reynolds, John W. Vervalen, Joseph W. Young.

Long Island: Ministers—James B. Finch, Frederick G. Beebe; Elder—Orrin F. Payne.

Lyons: Minister—George W. Newman; Elders—E. Kingsley Hitchcock, John W. Atwood.

New York: Ministers—Alexander McLean, Horace G. Miller, Henry M. Tyndall; Elder—Henry W. Jessup.

North River: Ministers—Julius Straus, Wallace W. Thorpe, Alexander R. Barron; Elder—John Dales.

Otsego: Minister—Eugene V. Ostrander; Elder—William E. Miller.

Rochester: Ministers—Henry H. Stebbins, Gerard B. F. Hallock, George V. Reichel.

St. Lawrence: Minister—Allen Macy Dulles.

Steuben: Minister—Frank S. Swan; Elders—John Knox Miller, Josiah W. Owens, Clinton H. Miner.

Syracuse: Ministers—George B. Spalding; Elders—Albert R. Walker, James W. Eager.

Troy: Minister—Theophilus P. Sawin; Elders—Aaron H. Graves, Alexander Williamson, Frederick T. Platt.

Utica: Elder—William S. Armstrong.

Westchester: Ministers—Henry A. Davenport, George R. Cutting.

The report was accepted.

The several Standing Committees were called, and, on reporting that they had no further business to present, were discharged.

The following answer to the Protest of Dr. Patterson was reported by the Committee, and adopted:

1. That in matters pertaining to the first ground of protest, the Synod was engaged, not in judicial, but in parliamentary business.

2. As to the second ground of protest, the negative action was in favor of the complainants, and therefore could not work any injustice.

3. As to the third ground of objection, it is the judgment of the Synod, that in these preliminary proceedings no vital issues were involved.

4. As to the fourth ground of protest, the Synod did not vote to dismiss the complaint, but simply amended a motion which on final vote was lost.

The roll was called, and the following members were found to be absent without leave:

Presbytery of Albany: Elders—Walter Bradshaw, Walter Stevens.

Brooklyn: Ministers—Louis Wolferz, William H. Hudnut; Elder—Augustus W. Sexton.

Buffalo: Ministers—Samuel T. Clarke, John D. Campbell.

Champlain: Minister—William A. Beardslee.

Hudson: Elder—George H. King.

Long Island: Elders—William J. Post, Jesse D. Hawkins.

Lyons: Minister—Herman B. Mayo.

Nassau: Elders—John Hanson, Isaac C. Hendrickson.

New York: Elders—George R. Lockwood, John G. Bogert, Jacob J. Vreeland.

North River: Elder—Charles E. Bingham.

Rochester: Elder—Edgar Benedict.

St. Lawrence: Elders—James M. Thrall, W. Webster Leonard.

Syracuse: Elders—Gilbert Mollison, D. Burr Giddings.

Troy: Elder—John O. Wing.

Utica: Elder—Gilbert J. Caldwell.

Westchester: Minister—Richard P. H. Vail; Elders—Edward F. Parsons, Thomas G. Ritch, A. Noel Blakeman.

The minutes of the day's sessions were read and approved.

The business having been completed, the Synod adjourned to meet in Westminster Church, Utica, on the third Tuesday, the nineteenth day of October, A. D. eighteen-hundred-and-ninety-seven, at half-past seven o'clock P. M.

Concluded with devotional services.

J. WILFORD JACKS,
Permanent Clerk.

ATTEST:

T. RALSTON SMITH,
Stated Clerk.

Appendix.

I. REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

I. The Presbytery of Albany consists of sixty-five ministers and fifty churches, and has under its care eight candidates.

Ministers received:

December 10, 1895, Rev. William E. Marden, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia North; Rev. Sanford H. Cobb, from the Presbytery of Grand Rapids; and Rev. Edward C. Wiley, from the Presbytery of Utica;
December 19, Rev. David O. Mears, D.D., from the Presbytery of Cleveland;
April 19, 1896, Rev. Jonathan Greenleaf, from the Presbytery of Nassau, and Rev. Arthur Dracas, from the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Candidates received:

December 10, 1895, Irving W. Ketcham and Dann L. Wood;
June 16, 1896, D. Howard Craven and James A. Collins;
September 15, Henry Clements.

Candidate licensed:

April 21, 1896, Samuel G. Parent.

Licentiate received:

June 16, 1896, Jeremiah V. Wemple, from the Classis of Schenectady.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

December 3, 1895, between Rev. Charles E. Dunn and the Third Church, Albany.

Ordained:

July 1, 1896, Jeremiah V. Wemple.

Installed:

December 19, 1895, Rev. William E. Marden, over the Churches of Voorheesville and Bethlehem;
June 17, 1896, Rev. Jonathan Greenleaf, over the Church at Princetown;
July 1, Rev. Jeremiah V. Wemple, over the Church at Ballston Center;
July 7, Rev. Arthur Dracas, over the Church at Northville.

Ministers dismissed:

December 10, 1895, Rev. William R. Terrett, D.D., to the Presbytery of Utica;

January 14, 1896, Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, D.D., to the Presbytery of Philadelphia;

April 21, Rev. Isaac O. Rankin, to the Suffolk West Association of Congregational Ministers; Rev. DeWitt G. Rockefeller, to the Classis of Schoharie; Rev. Archibald McLean, to the Presbytery of Steubenville;

June 16, Rev. Walter Quincy Scott, D.D., to the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Licentiates transferred:

April 21, 1896, J. Wilson Brainard, to the Presbytery of Cayuga;

June 16, Samuel G. Parent, to the Presbytery of Lyons.

II. The Presbytery of Binghamton consists of thirty-four ministers and thirty churches, and has under its care two licentiates, two local evangelists, and three candidates.

Minister received:

April 20, 1896, Rev. Arthur Spaulding, from the Classis of Paramus.

Licentiates received:

September 22, 1896, James D. Cameron, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and John W. Lowden, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

September 22, 1896, between Rev. J. Lovejoy Robertson and the Church in Cortland, and between Rev. Benjamin B. Knapp and the Church in Marathon.

Installations:

May 5, 1896, Rev. William A. George, over the Church at Windsor;

June 11, Rev. Arthur Spaulding, over the Church at Bainbridge.

Ministers dismissed:

April 21, 1896, Rev. Raymond H. Stearns, to the Presbytery of Chicago;

September 22, Rev. Fred E. Walton, to the Presbytery of Steuben, and Rev. Josiah Still, to the Presbytery of Albany.

Licentiate transferred:

April 21, 1896, Wilson A. Eisenhart, to the Presbytery of Chicago.

Deceased:

July 10, 1896, at Binghamton, Rev. Sabin McKinney, in the 81st year of his age.

Miscellaneous:

September 5, 1896, Church at Lordville dedicated.

III. The Presbytery of Boston consists of sixty-three ministers and forty-two churches, and has under its care two licentiates and four candidates.

Ministers received:

April 21, 1896, Rev. James H. Turnbull, from the Presbytery of Pictou, N. S., and Rev. James B. Dunn, D.D., from the Presbytery of Philadelphia;

June 8, Rev. Alexander Laird, from the Presbytery of Redstone;

October 7, Rev. Arthur W. Remington, from the Presbytery of Columbia, and Rev. William C. Lindsay, from the Presbytery of Montgomery.

Licentiates received:

January 22, 1896, George L. Robinson, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of New Brunswick;

June 8, Charles A. Campbell, from the Presbytery of Utica.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 10, 1895, between Rev. James A. F. McBain, D.D., and the First Church, Providence;

April 21, 1896, between Rev. William E. Westervelt and the Church at Windham;

April 21, between Rev. Minot Shaw Hartwell and the South Boston Church;

October 6, between Rev. George L. Robinson, Ph.D., and the Church at Roxbury;

October 7, between Rev. Alexander P. Logan and the Church at Woonsocket.

Ordained:

January 22, 1896, George L. Robinson, Ph.D.;

June 8, Charles A. Campbell.

Installations:

October 29, 1895, Rev. Lewis V. Price, over the Church at Brockton;

January 22, 1896, Rev. George L. Robinson, Ph.D., over the Church at Roxbury;

June 23, Rev. Alexander Laird, over the Church at New Bedford;

June 25, Rev. Charles A. Campbell, over the First Church, Providence.

Ministers dismissed:

April 21, 1896, Rev. Isaac White, to the Presbytery of Los Angeles, and Rev. Edward C. Winslow, to the Hampshire East Association of Congregational Ministers;

October 6, Rev. George L. Robinson, Ph.D., to the Presbytery of Toronto, Ont.;

October 7, Rev. Alexander P. Logan, to the South Worcester Association of Congregational Ministers.

Deceased:

January 12, 1895, at Brookfield, Mass., Rev. Charles P. Blanchard, in the 52d year of his age;

July 13, 1896, in Boston, Rev. Peter M. Macdonald, D.D., Ph.D., in the 50th year of his age.

IV. The Presbytery of Brooklyn consists of sixty-one ministers and thirty-four churches, and has under its care four licentiates and fourteen candidates.

Ministers received:

April 27, 1896, Rev. William A. Alexander, from the Presbytery of Elizabeth;

October 5, Rev. Frederick J. Pohl, from the Presbytery of Columbia.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

December 2, 1895, William B. Frith, from the Presbytery of Nashville;

April 20, 1896, William J. Hutchins and William Carson, Jr.

Candidates licensed:

April 21, 1896, William S. Crane, Kenneth Brown and William J. Hutchins;

July 6, John G. Addy.

Licentiate received:

December 11, 1895, Morris Frank, from the Presbytery of New York.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 2, 1895, between Rev. George E. Gillespie and the Bedford Church;

April 27, 1896, between Rev. George N. Makely and the Cumberland Street Church.

Ordinations:

December 11, 1895, Morris Frank;

February 4, 1896, John Jay Bridges;

June 16, William J. Hutchins;

June 25, Kenneth Brown.

Installations:

December 11, 1895, Rev. Morris Frank, over the First East Williamsburgh Church;

April 27, 1896, Rev. William A. Alexander, over Siloam Church.

Ministers dismissed:

December 2, 1895, Rev. George E. Gillespie, to the Presbytery of Hudson;

July 6, 1896, Rev. Emmanuel Tealdo, to the Presbytery of Lehigh;

October 5, Rev. Kenneth Brown, to the Presbytery of Olympia.

Candidate and licentiate transferred:

December 2, 1895, Charles Stelzle, to the Presbytery of Minneapolis;
October 5, 1896, William S. Crane, to the Presbytery of Geneva.

Church enrolled:

April 20, 1896, Bay Ridge.

Churches dissolved:

April 27, 1896, Cumberland Street;
June 2, Trinity.

Miscellaneous:

April 27, 1896, Cumberland Street Church became a mission of Lafayette Avenue Church;
June 2, Central and Trinity Churches were consolidated.

V. The Presbytery of Buffalo consists of fifty-seven ministers and forty-seven churches, and has under its care one licentiate and four candidates.

Ministers received:

April 14, 1896, Rev. Corliss B. Gardner, D.D., from the Presbytery of Rochester, and Rev. William R. M. Baird, from the Presbytery of Toronto;
September 22, Rev. J. Emory Fisher, from the Presbytery of Kalamazoo, and Rev. Louis M. Lawrence, from the Congregational Association of Western New York.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

October 22, 1895, John W. Ross and Philip Hedrick.

Candidate licensed:

July 21, 1896, Alton H. Cowles, received from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

March 12, 1896, between Rev. Charles Simpson and the Church in Sherman;
June 30, between Rev. William C. McGarvey and West Avenue Church;
September 22, between Rev. Nelson B. Chester and Bethlehem Church.

Ordinations:

April 14, 1896, John W. Ross;
July 21, Alton H. Cowles.

Installations:

October 22, 1895, Rev. Joseph K. Griffis, over the South Church, Buffalo;
July 21, 1896, Rev. Alton H. Cowles, over the Church in Akron.

Ministers dismissed:

October 22, 1895, Rev. Thomas H. Peatchell, to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence;

March 12, 1896, Rev. James Millar, to the Presbytery of Glasgow, and Rev. William A. Reid, to the Presbytery of Steuben.

Deceased:

July 31, 1896, at Jamestown, N. Y., Rev. William L. Hyde, in the 76th year of his age.

Church enrolled:

April 14, 1896, Pine Woods, organized November 18, 1895.

Change in name of church:

September 22, 1896, "La Fayette Street" changed to "La Fayette Avenue."

Church dissolved:

September 22, 1896, Panama.

VI. The Presbytery of Cayuga consists of thirty-five ministers and twenty-three churches, and has under its care eleven licentiates and thirteen candidates.

Ministers received:

November 19, 1895, Rev. Henry M. Booth, D.D., LL.D., from the Presbytery of Jersey City;

April 14, 1896, Rev. S. Seymour Phelps, from the Presbytery of Niagara;

September 29, Rev. Louis M. Sweet, from the Presbytery of Geneva.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery:

November 19, 1895, Wm. Tatlock 2nd, from the Presbytery of Newark; John F. Graham and Thomas B. Gay, from the Presbytery of St. Clairsville; Wm. H. Mitchell, Wm. B. McCallam, Francis Carruthers, Henry G. Gunn, Percy B. Wightman, John B. Funnell and Herbert R. Burgess;

April 14, 1896, James R. Birchfield;

May 4, Stephen Momchiloff, from the Presbytery of Platte;

May 8, Kosta J. Pachejieff;

September 29, Ernest J. Wright, from the Presbytery of Zanesville.

Candidates licensed:

November 19, 1895, J. K. Lyon Caughey and John W. Lowden;

April 14, 1896, Hugh Ivey, Percy B. Wightman, Francis Carruthers, Wm. H. Mitchell, Dikran H. Rejebian, Thomas A. Fenton, Wm. Tatlock 2nd and Abbott Y. Wilcox;

May 4, Stephen Momchiloff.

Licentiates received:

November 19, 1895, Irving W. Street, from the Presbytery of Chicago;
May 4, 1896, J. Wilson Brainard, from the Presbytery of Albany, and Edward Lloyd Jones, from the Presbytery of Utica.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

June 10, 1896, between Rev. Asa S. Fiske, D.D., and the Church at Ithaca;
July 8, between Rev. Edward Snyder and the Churches at Scipio and Scipioville.

Ordinations:

May 4, 1896, Francis Carruthers, J. K. Lyon Caughey, Thomas A. Fenton, Allan M. McIntosh, Donald M. McIntosh, Irving W. Street, Percy B. Wightman and Stephen Momchiloff;
May 8, J. Wilson Brainard;
June 10, Edward Lloyd Jones.

Installations:

May 8, 1896, Rev. J. Wilson Brainard, over the Second Church of Auburn;
June 10, Rev. Edward Lloyd Jones, over the Church at Cayuga;
September 30, Rev. Wallace B. Lucas, D.D., over the Church at Meridian.

Ministers dismissed:

April 14, 1896, Rev. S. Seymour Phelps, to the Presbytery of Geneva;
September 29, Rev. Allan M. McIntosh, to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Licentiates and candidates transferred:

April 13, 1896, Robert Ivey, to the Presbytery of Syracuse;
April 14, Herbert W. Knox, to the Presbytery of Steuben;
May 4, Albert E. Fitch, candidate, to the Oneida, Chenango and Delaware Congregational Association;
June 10, Kirby S. Miller, to the Presbytery of Baltimore, Charles T. Henry, to the Presbytery of Geneva, and Abbott Y. Wilcox, to the Susquehanna Congregational Association;
July 7, John W. Lowden, to the Presbytery of Binghamton;
September 23, John H. Stewart, candidate, to the Presbytery of Calgary, Alberta, Dominion of Canada;
September 29, George E. Jackson, to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence, and John F. Graham, candidate, to the Presbytery of St. Clairsville.

Name dropped from the roll:

April 15, 1896, Candidate John W. Wilson.

VII. The Presbytery of Champlain consists of twenty-three ministers and twenty-five churches, and has under its care one licentiate.

Minister received:

April 14, 1896, Rev. Henry G. Dean, from the Presbytery of Niagara.

Licensed:

April 15, 1896, Albert C. Salls.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

September 16, 1896, between Rev. John Dunlap and the Church at Port Henry.

Ordination:

April 15, 1896, Esta E. Grosh.

Deceased:

August 22, 1896, at Malone, N. Y., Rev. Andrew M. Millar, aged 77 years and 9 days.

Churches enrolled:

April 15, 1896, Waverly, N. Y.;
September 16, Calvary, Lake Clear Junction, N. Y.

VIII. The Presbytery of Chemung consists of twenty-four ministers and twenty-three churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received:

December 26, 1895, Rev. Frederick L. Benedict, from the Presbytery of Troy;
April 21, 1896, Rev. Charles W. Rice, from the Presbytery of Utica.

Ordination:

April 21, 1896, Thaddeus C. Henderson.

Installation:

December 26, 1895, Rev. Frederick L. Benedict, over the Franklin Street Church, Elmira.

Ministers dismissed:

September 15, 1896, Rev. Thaddeus C. Henderson, to the Presbytery of Utica;
September 16, Rev. Hiram H. Kellogg, to the Presbytery of Rochester.

Deceased:

November 21, 1895, at Watkins, N. Y., Rev. Benjamin Russell, aged 85 years.

IX. The Presbytery of Chile consists of twelve ministers and nine churches, and has under its care one licentiate. [Minutes of General Assembly, 1896.]

X. The Presbytery of Columbia consists of eighteen ministers and nineteen churches, and has under its care one candidate and one local evangelist.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

April 22, 1896, Harold C. Harmon.

Local evangelist licensed:

September 16, 1896, S. W. Studley.

Ministers dismissed:

April 21, 1896, Rev. Arthur W. Remington, to the Presbytery of Boston;
September 15, Rev. Frederick J. Pohl, to the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

XI. The Presbytery of Eastern Persia consists of seven ministers and four churches, and has under its care three licentiates. [Minutes of General Assembly, 1896.]

XII. The Presbytery of Genesee consists of nineteen ministers and twenty churches, and has under its care one local evangelist, one licentiate, and three candidates.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

November 19, 1895, Fred. J. Van Hosen.

Licentiate received:

September 29, 1896, William Hay, M.D., from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Minister dismissed:

September 29, 1896, Rev. Nathaniel B. Andrews, to the Presbytery of Rochester.

Licentiate transferred:

September 29, 1896, Fred. B. Andrews, to the Presbytery of Washington City.

XIII. The Presbytery of Geneva consists of twenty-seven ministers and twenty churches, and has under its care six candidates.

Ministers received:

December 19, 1895, Rev. John Jones Laurence, from the Primitive Methodist Church of England, after the year of probation required by the General Assembly;
April 20, 1896, Rev. Andrew McC. Brown, from the Presbytery of Steuben, and Rev. S. Seymour Phelps, from the Presbytery of Cayuga;
September 29, Rev. Henry H. Lipes, from the Classis of Schoharie.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

April 20, 1896, Frank Murray Weston.

Licentiate received:

June 23, 1896, Charles T. Henry, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Ordination:

June 23, 1896, Charles T. Henry.

Installations:

December 18, 1895, Rev. J. Jones Laurence, over the Church at Canandaigua;
April 20, 1896, Rev. John S. Niles, over the Church at Trumansburg;
June 23, Rev. Charles T. Henry, over the Church at Canoga.

Ministers dismissed:

May 30, 1896, Rev. William H. Bates, D.D., to the Presbytery of St. Louis;
September 28, Rev. Louis M. Sweet, to the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Church dissolved:

April 21, 1896, Hopewell.

XIV. The Presbytery of Hudson consists of forty-eight ministers and forty-three churches, and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received:

January 2, 1896, Rev. George E. Gillespie, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn, and Rev. Alexander Gilmore, from the Presbytery of New Castle;
April 21, Rev. John H. Jensen, from the South Classis of Long Island;
September 21, Rev. John P. Scott, D.D., from the Presbytery of Cincinnati;
October 19, Rev. Alexander Dunlop King, from the Presbytery of New York.

Candidate licensed:

September 22, 1896, Fred. T. Steele.

Licentiate received:

April 21, 1896, Robert J. Diven, from the Presbytery of Kittanning.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

April 21, 1896, between Rev. John Kamm and the Jeffersonville German Church.

Ordinations:

May 19, 1896, Robert J. Diven;
September 22, Fred. T. Steele as an evangelist.

Installations:

January 16, 1896, Rev. George E. Gillespie, over the Port Jervis Church;

March 10, Rev. Alexander Gilmore, over the Hamptonburgh Church;
May 6, Rev. John H. Jensen, over the Clarkstown German Church;
May 19, Rev. Robert J. Diven, over the Otisville Church.

Minister dismissed:

September 15, 1896, Rev. James A. McGowan, to the Presbytery of North River.

Deceased:

March 13, 1896, at Westtown, N. Y., Rev. Horace Fraser, aged 88 years;
August 17, at Middletown, N. Y., Rev. Robert A. Blackford, aged 64 years.

Name of church changed:

"Rockland Second" to "Roscoe."

XV. The Presbytery of Long Island consists of twenty-four ministers and twenty-four churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Minister received:

January 21, 1896, Rev. Jacob E. Mallmann, from the Presbytery of Nassau.

Installation:

January 21, 1896, Rev. Jacob E. Mallmann, over the Shelter Island Church.

Deceased:

April 5, 1896, at Miller's Place, L. I., Rev. Morse Rowell, aged 32 years.

Change in name of church:

April 21, 1896, "Speonk" to "Remsenburg."

XVI. The Presbytery of Lyons consists of twenty-one ministers and eighteen churches, and has under its care two licentiates and two candidates.

Ministers received:

December 20, 1895, Rev. Smith Ordway, from the Presbytery of Syracuse;
April 21, 1896, Rev. Vernon N. Yergin, from the Presbytery of Syracuse;
June 12, Rev. Frank E. Hoyt, from the Presbytery of Rochester.

Candidates received and licensed:

April 22, 1896, Herman B. Mayo and Benj. J. Morgan, from the Presbyteries of Platte and Baltimore.

Licentiate received:

September 15, 1896, Samuel G. Parent, from the Presbytery of Albany.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 9, 1895, between Rev. Alexander D. McIntosh and the Church of Sodus;

December 20, between Rev. J. Calvin Mead and the Church of Galen.

Ordinations:

June 12, 1896, Herman B. Mayo;

September 15, Samuel G. Parent.

Installations:

December 20, 1895, Rev. Smith Ordway, over Church of Sodus;

June 12, 1896, Rev. Herman B. Mayo, over the Williamson Church.

Ministers dismissed:

December 9, 1895, Rev. Alexander D. McIntosh, to the Presbytery of Wallace, Nova Scotia;

December 20, Rev. J. Calvin Mead, to the Presbytery of Syracuse;

June 12, 1896, Rev. Nathan B. Knapp, to the Presbytery of Syracuse;

September 16, Rev. William L. Page, to the Presbytery of Rochester, and Rev. Charles F. Kent, to the Rhode Island Congregational Association.

XVII. The Presbytery of Nassau consists of twenty-six ministers and twenty-six churches, and has under its care five candidates.

Minister received:

June 16, 1896, Rev. Edward J. Lloyd, from the Presbytery of Newark.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

October 6, 1896, Hermann W. J. Schutz and Albert A. Jagnow.

Licentiates received:

December 17, 1895, Frank Voorhees, from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange;

June 16, 1896, Robert D. Merrill, from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

October 22, 1895, between Rev. Jacob E. Mallmann and the Newtown Church;

April 14, 1896, between Rev. Jonathan Greenleaf and the Church of Whitestone;

June 22, between Rev. William H. Hendrickson and the Ravenswood Church;

September 1, between Rev. Edward B. French and the Church of Bellmore.

Ordinations:

January 28, 1896, Frank Voorhees;

June 23, Robert D. Merrill.

Installations:

January 28, 1896, Rev. Frank Voorhees, over the Green Lawn Church;
June 23, Rev. Robert D. Merrill, over the Brentwood Church;
June 24, Rev. William H. Hendrickson, over the Newtown Church;
July 1, Rev. Edward J. Lloyd, over the Whitestone Church.

Ministers dismissed:

December 17, 1895, Rev. Jacob E. Mallmann, to the Presbytery of Long Island;
April 3, 1896, Rev. Joseph Speers, to Washington Presbytery;
April 14, Rev. Jonathan Greenleaf, to the Presbytery of Albany.

Licentiate transferred:

April 14, 1896, Orville T. Fletcher, to the Presbytery of Jersey City.

XVIII. The Presbytery of New York consists of one hundred and sixty-eight ministers and fifty-four churches, and has under its care twelve licentiates and seven candidates.

Ministers received:

November 11, 1895, Rev. Anthony H. Evans, from the Presbytery of Niagara, and Rev. Alexander J. Kerr, from the Presbytery of Vincennes;
December 9, Rev. J. C. Hume, Ph. D., from the South Classis (L. I.) of the Reformed Church;
January 13, 1896, Rev. George H. Wallace, from the Presbytery of Detroit, and Rev. George S. Avery, from the Berkeley Congregational Church, Boston, Mass.;
February 10, Rev. Alexander Alison, D. D., from the Presbytery of Puget Sound;
April 13, Rev. Charles I. Junkin, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna;
May 11, Rev. Isaac G. Ogden, from the Classis of Saratoga, Reformed Church.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 13, 1896, Isaac Woodbridge Riley;
May 11, Walter Craven.

Candidate received:

November 11, 1895, E. J. Baird, from the Presbytery of Louisville.

Licensed:

May 18, 1896, Henry W. Bainton, Herman P. Faust, Charles F. Taylor, and George Douglas Young;
June 8, Isaac Woodbridge Riley.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

November 11, 1895, between Rev. Alexander Dunlop King and the West Fifty-first Street Church;

December 9, between Rev. Robert Russell Booth, D.D., LL.D., and the Rutgers Riverside Church; and between the Rev. Joseph J. Lampe, Ph.D., D.D., and Christ Church;

February 10, 1896, between Rev. James H. McIlvaine, D.D., and the Brick Church;

April 13, between Rev. George J. Mingins and the Union Tabernacle Church.

Installations:

November 24, 1895, Rev. Pierce B. Tompkins, over St. James Church;

December 1, Rev. Anthony H. Evans, over the West Church;

January 12, 1896, Rev. William Hughes, over the Knox Church;

March 1, Rev. Thomas Douglas, Ph.D., over the West Fifty-first Street Church.

Ministers dismissed:

February 10, 1896, Rev. Franklin Gaylord, to the Manhattan Association of Congregational Ministers;

March 9, Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts, Ph.D., to the Presbytery of Washington City;

March 31, Rev. Joseph J. Lampe, Ph.D., D.D., to the Presbytery of Omaha;

May 11, Rev. Edward L. Chichester, to the Presbytery of Otsego;

October 5, Rev. Joseph H. Robinson, to the Presbytery of Westchester, and Rev. Alexander D. King, to the Presbytery of Hudson.

Licentiates transferred:

November 11, 1895, Joseph D. Ibbotson, Jr., to the Presbytery of Utica;

December 9, Morris Frank to the Presbytery of Brooklyn;

May 19, 1896, Henry W. Bainton and Charles F. Taylor, to the Presbytery of Jersey City.

Church dissolved:

May 11, 1896, Union Tabernacle.

Deceased:

October 11, 1895, in Tokio, Japan, Rev. George E. Woodhull, aged 35 years;

June 16, 1896, at Bloomfield, N. J., Rev. Joseph Paul Lestrade, in the 80th year of his age;

August 22, at Hawthorne, N. J., Rev. John M. Stevenson, D.D., aged 84 years;

September 11, at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Rev. James Marshall, aged 65 years.

October 5, 1896, Rev. George W. F. Birch, D.D., was elected Treasurer, to succeed Mr. Anson D. F. Randolph, deceased.

XIX. The Presbytery of Niagara consists of twenty-one ministers and twenty-one churches, and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received :

April 20, 1896, Rev. Samuel A. Freeman, D.D., from the Aurora Association of Congregational Churches, and Rev. Benjamin M. Nyce, from the Presbytery of Fort Wayne ;

September 14, Rev. Alpheus P. Meeker, Ph. D., from the Presbytery of Syracuse, and Rev. Samuel R. Warrender, from the Presbytery of Otsego.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

April 20, 1896, Dorland N. Morden;

September 15, Harry J. Thayer.

Candidate licensed :

April 21, 1896, Dorland N. Morden.

Pastoral relation dissolved :

March 20, 1896, between Rev. George Nicholls and the Pierce Avenue Church, Niagara Falls.

Installations :

May 12, 1896, Rev. Benjamin M. Nyce, over the First Church, Lockport;

May 19, Rev. Samuel A. Freeman, D.D., over the Church of Lyndonville.

Ministers dismissed :

April 20, 1896, Rev. Henry G. Dean, to the Presbytery of Champlain;

September 14, Rev. George Nicholls, to the Presbytery of Syracuse;

September 15, Rev. Samuel Murdock, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Name dropped from the roll :

Rev. Daniel W. Cameron, Ph.D.

Change in name of church :

April 21, 1896, Lockport, Second Ward, to Lockport, Second.

XX. The Presbytery of North Laos consists of twenty-two ministers and fourteen churches, and has under its care three licentiates and five candidates. [Minutes of General Assembly, 1896.]

XXI. The Presbytery of North River consists of forty-four ministers and thirty churches, and has under its care three candidates for the ministry.

Ministers received:

April 20, 1896, Rev. Charles O. Hanmer, from the Presbytery of Chemung;
April 21, Rev. William P. Swartz, from the Presbytery of Newcastle;
June 5, Rev. William B. Darrach, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna;
October 5, Rev. James A. McGowan, from the Presbytery of Hudson.

Candidates taken under care and licensed:

December 12, 1895, George Allen;
October 6, 1896, William H. Salmon.

Ordination:

December 18, 1895, George Allen.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

April 21, 1896, between Rev. James Wyckoff and the Pine Plains Church, and between Rev. Louis H. Bähler and the Church of Malden;
June 5, between Rev. Thomas C. Straus and the Church of Cold Spring.

Installation:

December 18, 1895, Rev. George Allen, over the Church of Milton;
May 20, 1896, Rev. William P. Swartz, over the First Church, Poughkeepsie.

Ministers dismissed:

April 20, 1896, Rev. James Thomas, to the Presbytery of Albemarle: Rev. James Wyckoff, to the Classis of Hackensack, and Rev. Louis H. Bähler, to the Classis of Ulster;
June 5, Rev. Thomas C. Straus, to the Presbytery of Westchester;
July 13, Rev. Calvin Wight, to the Presbytery of Shantung, China.

Deceased:

December 27, 1895, at Poughkeepsie, Rev. Francis Brown Wheeler, D.D., aged 76 years.

XXII. The Presbytery of Otsego consists of twenty-seven ministers and twenty-seven churches, and has under its care five candidates.

Ministers received:

April 29, 1896, Rev. Nestor Light, from the Susquehanna Association of Congregational Ministers, New York; Rev. Daniel I. Morrison, from the Presbytery of Troy; Rev. William H. Kelley, from the Presbytery of Fort Dodge; Rev. John T. Crumrine, from the Presbytery of Washington; Rev. Edward L. Chichester, from the Presbytery of New York, and Rev. Charles C. Meek, from the Presbytery of Furrukhabad.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

October 15, 1895, James Edward Austin;
September 9, 1896, John Chalmers.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

April 29, 1896, between Rev. Thomas C. Sterling and the Church of Hamden.

Ordinations:

October 3, 1895, Ernest L. Tiffany, M. D.
April 29, 1896, Frank B. Seeley.

Installations:

October 3, 1895, Rev. Ernest L. Tiffany, M. D., over the Church of East Guilford, and, October 15, over the Church of Guilford Center;
May 19, 1896, Rev. Daniel I. Morrison, over the Church of East Meredith.

Ministers dismissed:

April 29, 1896, Rev. Thomas C. Sterling, Ph. D., to the Presbytery of Flint; Rev. James Otis Denniston, to the Presbytery of Huntingdon, and Rev. C. Edward Fay, to the Orleans Association of Congregational Ministers, Vermont;
September 9, Rev. Samuel R. Warrender, to the Presbytery of Niagara, and Rev. John T. Crumrine, to the Presbytery of Springfield.

Name dropped from the roll:

November 26, 1895, Rev. James C. Stinson.

Church dropped from the roll:

April 29, 1896, North Guilford.

XXIII. The Presbytery of Rochester consists of sixty-seven ministers and forty-seven churches, and has under its care six candidates.

Ministers received:

October 10, 1895, Rev. Joseph H. Hunsberger, from the Presbytery of Genesee;
April 28, 1896, Rev. Charles W. Maccarthy, from the Presbytery of Steuben;
May 18, Rev. Albert Evans, from the Presbytery of Baltimore;
September 22, Rev. Hiram H. Kellogg, from the Presbytery of Chemung.

Licentiate received:

April 14, 1896, Henry F. Ellinwood, from the Presbytery of Boston.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

March 1, 1896, between Rev. C. Noble Frost and the Church of Victor;
September 27, between Rev. George C. Frost and the Church of Honeoye Falls.

Ordination:

May 8, 1896, Henry F. Ellinwood.

Installation:

May 8, 1896, Rev. Henry F. Ellinwood, over the Church of Victor.

Ministers dismissed:

March 1, 1896, Rev. C. Noble Frost, to the Presbytery of Steuben;
April 13, Rev. Corliss B. Gardner, D. D., to the Presbytery of Buffalo;
April 13, Rev. Kingsley F. Norris, to the Central Association of Hartford;
May 18, Rev. Frank E. Hoyt, to the Presbytery of Lyons.

Deceased:

May 30, 1896, at Lakeville, N. Y., Rev. John Mitchell, in the 68th year of his age.

XXIV. The Presbytery of St. Lawrence consists of thirty-five ministers and thirty-one churches, and has under its care three licentiates and six candidates.

Ministers received:

November 12, 1895, Rev. John H. Pollock, from the Presbytery of Utica, and Rev. Thomas H. Peatchell, from the Presbytery of Buffalo;
April 14, 1896, Rev. Leonard T. Cole, from the M. E. Church, and Rev. J. Rosser Jones, from the St. Lawrence and Black River Congregational Association.
September 29, Rev. Alfred Fitzpatrick, from the Presbytery of Montreal, Canada, and Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, from the Presbytery of Utica.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

September 29, 1896, William Russ Lee.

Candidate licensed:

October 25, 1895, Mr. F. A. Ingraham.

Licentiate received:

September 29, 1896, George E. Jackson, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

October 25, 1895, between Rev. Thomas A. Sanson and the Church at Oxbow;
April 14, 1896, between Rev. William N. Cleveland and the Church at Chaumont;
May 29, between Rev. George O. Phelps and the Church of Potsdam.

Installation:

October 14, 1895, Rev. Ward C. Peabody, over the Church at Brownville.

Ministers dismissed :

December 3, 1895, Rev. German H. Chatterton, to the Presbytery of Utica ;

April 15, 1896, Rev. John A. Rodger, to the Classis of Montgomery ; Rev. R. J. Hutchson, to the Presbytery of Kingston, Canada, and Rev. Thomas A. Sanson, to the Presbytery of Sequoyah.

Licentiate transferred :

May 1, 1896, William Hay, M.D., to the Presbytery of Genesee.

Deceased :

April 10, 1896, at Potsdam, N. Y., Rev. Enos Wood, aged 86 years.

XXV. The Presbytery of Siam consists of ten ministers and eight churches, and has under its care two licentiates and two local evangelists. [Minutes of General Assembly, 1896.]

XXVI. The Presbytery of Steuben consists of twenty-nine ministers and twenty-seven churches, and has under its care one local evangelist and six candidates.

Ministers received :

April 22, 1896, Rev. Charles Noble Frost, from the Presbytery of Rochester ; Rev. William A. Reid, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of Buffalo, and Rev. Albert R. Crawford, from the Presbytery of Willamette ;

October 7, Rev. Fred. E. Walton, from the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Candidate received :

April 22, 1896, Jay Forbes Robinson, from the Presbytery of Chemung.

Candidate licensed :

April 22, 1896, Jay Forbes Robinson, as a local evangelist, for one year.

Licentiate received :

April 21, 1896, Herbert W. Knox, from Presbytery of Cayuga.

Ordination :

May 11, 1896, Herbert W. Knox.

Installations :

May 11, 1896, Rev. Herbert W. Knox, over the Church of Belmont ;

June 4, Rev. Charles Noble Frost, over the Church of Bath.

Ministers dismissed :

March 30, 1896, Rev. Andrew McC. Brown, to the Presbytery of Geneva ;

April 22, Rev. Marcus N. Preston, to the Chicago Congregational Association ; Rev. Charles W. Maccarthy, to the Presbytery of Rochester, and Rev. D. Albert Blose, to the Cleveland Congregational Conference.

Church enrolled:

July 30, 1896, Avoca.

Miscellaneous:

April 22, 1896, Rev. James A. Miller, Ph.D., was elected Stated Clerk and Treasurer, to succeed Rev. Marcus N. Preston, removed beyond the bounds of the Presbytery.

XXVII. The Presbytery of Syracuse consists of forty-five ministers and forty-four churches, and has under its care two licentiates and five candidates.

Ministers received:

November 18, 1895, Rev. Vernon N. Yergin, from the Fargo Association of Congregational Churches;

January 6, 1896, Rev. John C. Mead, from the Presbytery of Lyons; Rev. Grenville P. Sewall, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna; Rev. James B. King, from the Hudson River Association of Congregational Churches, and Rev. Frederick Hebard, from the New York Central Association of Congregational Churches;

September 21, Rev. George Nichols, from the Presbytery of Niagara, and Rev. John Burkhardt, from the Presbytery of Utica;

October 9, Rev. Raymond H. Stearns, from the Presbytery of Chicago, and Rev. Nathan B. Knapp, from the Presbytery of Lyons.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

October 9, 1896, Robert B. Adams and Melanchthon M. Hamilton.

Candidate licensed:

April 14, 1896, Allen F. Emery.

Licentiates received:

April 14, 1896, Robert Ivey, from the Presbytery of Utica.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

November 16, 1895, between Rev. Smith Ordway and the Westminster Church, Syracuse;

September 21, 1896, between Rev. Fred H. Watkins and the Churches of Parish and Hastings.

Ordinations:

June 17, 1896, Robert Ivey;

October 9, Joseph Brooks Ferguson.

Installations:

January 4, 1896, Rev. James B. King, over the Elmwood Church, Syracuse;

January 20, Rev. Grenville P. Sewall, over the East Genesee Church, Syracuse;

January 21, Rev. John C. Mead, over the First Church, Oswego;
June 17, Rev. Robert Ivey, over the Church of Amboy;
October 9, Rev. Joseph B. Ferguson, over the Church of Jordan.

Ministers dismissed:

November 18, 1895, Rev. Smith Ordway, to the Presbytery of Lyons;
April 6, 1896, Rev. Vernon N. Yergin, to the Presbytery of Lyons;
May 4, Rev. Arthur Dracas, to the Presbytery of Albany;
September 21, Rev. Alpheus P. Meeker, Ph.D., to the Presbytery of Niagara;
September 22, Rev. Fred H. Watkins, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Name dropped from the roll:

October 9, 1896, Rev. Wallace I. Coburn.

Deceased:

May 20, 1896, at Syracuse, N. Y., Rev. Frederick Hebard, aged 75 years.

XXVIII. The Presbytery of Troy consists of forty-seven ministers and forty-one churches, and has under its care one licentiate, one local evangelist, and four candidates for the ministry.

Ministers received:

October 28, 1895, Rev. George T. Berry, from the Presbytery of Newark, and Rev. Edward P. Sprague, Ph.D., D.D., from the Presbytery of Cayuga;
September 22, 1896, Rev. James B. Cody, ordained by the Ontario Baptist Association.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 21, 1896, James Harvey Dunham and Rev. James B. Cody;
July 22, Frederick Alonzo Alden.

Licentiate received:

April 20, 1896, Edward P. Berry, from the Presbytery of Newark.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 23, 1895, between Rev. George W. Plack and the Church of Hoosick Falls;
July 22, 1896, between Rev. Harmon H. Boone and the Liberty Street Church of Troy.

Ordination:

May 14, 1896, Edward P. Berry.

Installations:

November 7, 1895, Rev. George T. Berry, over the Second Street Church of Troy;

November 8, Rev. Edward P. Sprague, Ph.D., D.D., over the Church of Salem;

May 14, 1896, Rev. Edward P. Berry, over the Church of Hoosick Falls.

Ministers dismissed:

December 9, 1895, Rev. Fred L. Benedict, to the Presbytery of Chemung, and Rev. Daniel I. Morrison, to the Presbytery of Otsego.

Candidate transferred:

October 28, 1895, George Allan, to the care of the Presbytery of North River.

Deceased:

October 18, 1895, at Glens Falls, N. Y., Rev. Andrew J. Fennel, D.D., P.Em., in the 81st year of his age;

January 18, 1896, at Lansingburgh, N. Y., Rev. George P. Tyler, D.D., in the 87th year of his age;

April 26, at Perth Amboy, N. J., Rev. Jonathan H. Noble, D.D., in the 92d year of his age;

July 15, at Waterford, N. Y., Rev. Stephen Bush, D.D., in the 79th year of his age;

September 9, at Poultney, Vt., Rev. Isaac N. Sprague, D.D., in the 96th year of his age.

XXIX. The Presbytery of Utica consists of forty-seven ministers and forty-five churches, and has under its care three licentiates and sixteen candidates.

Ministers received:

January 22, 1896, Rev. William R. Terrett, D.D., from the Presbytery of Albany;

April 14, Rev. German H. Chatterton, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence, and Rev. John R. Lewis, from the Presbytery of Genesee;

September 29, Rev. Thaddeus C. Henderson, from the Presbytery of Chemung.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery:

October 2, 1895, Selden L. Haynes;

April 14, 1896, Benjamin R. Bourne, Sherman W. Haven and Herbert R. Burgess.

Candidates licensed:

November 18, 1895, Clarence M. Mason, and, as a local evangelist, Robert P. Roberts;

April 15, 1896, E. Lloyd Jones, Charles A. Campbell, David L. Roberts, T. Clinton Brockway.

Licentiate received:

July 16, 1896, William C. Spicer, from the Presbytery of Carlisle.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

February 25, 1896, between Rev. Henry M. Dodd and the Church at Augusta;

April 14, between Rev. William P. F. Ferguson and the Church at Whitesboro;

September 7, between Rev. W. Courtland Robinson and the Church at Clinton, and between Rev. Robert L. Bachman, D.D., and the First Church of Utica;

September 29, between Rev. J. Westby Earnshaw and the Church at Lowville;

October 14, between Rev. John T. Stone and the Olivet Church of Utica.

Ordinations;

January 22, 1896, Joseph D. Ibbotson, Jr.;
July 16, William C. Spicer;
October 3, Starr Cadwallader;
October 14, T. Clinton Brockway.

Installation:

July 16, 1896, Rev. William C. Spicer, over the Church at Lyons Falls;
October 14, 1896, Rev. T. Clinton Brockway, over the Church at Vernon.

Ministers dismissed:

February 25, 1896, Rev. Henry M. Dodd, to the Presbytery of Columbia;
July 31, Rev. John Burkhardt, to the Presbytery of Syracuse;
September 7, Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence, and Rev. Robert L. Bachman, D.D., to the Presbytery of Union;
September 29, Rev. Theodore B. Williams, to the Presbytery of Detroit;
October 14, Rev. John T. Stone, to the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Licentiates transferred:

November 18, 1895, Charles M. Mason, to the Oneida, Chenango and Delaware Congregational Association;
April 15, 1896, E. Lloyd Jones, to the Presbytery of Cayuga;
May 27, Charles A. Campbell, to the Presbytery of Boston.

Deceased:

March 1, 1896, at Lyons Falls, N. Y., Rev. Walter Fry, aged 50 years.

XXX. The Presbytery of Westchester consists of sixty-two ministers and thirty-eight churches, and has under its care eight licentiates, ten candidates, and one local evangelist.

Ministers received:

January 21, 1896, Rev. Daniel N. Freeland, from the Presbytery of East Florida;

June 16, Rev. Thomas C. Straus, from the Presbytery of North River;
October 6, Rev. Joseph H. Robinson, from the Presbytery of New York.

Candidate received:

April 21, 1896, James H. Rankin.

Licensed:

April 21, 1896, James H. Rankin, John B. Appel and William H. Johnson.

Licentiate received:

October 24, 1895, John Alison, from the Presbytery of Puget Sound.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

October 31, 1895, between Rev. John Reid, D.D., and the First Church, Yonkers;
April 26, 1896, between Rev. Irving E. White and the Second Church, Peekskill;
October 31, between Rev. Alexander Miller and the Mahopac Falls Church.

Ordinations:

October 27, 1895, John Alison, as an evangelist;
May 20, 1896, John B. Appel;
June 23, James H. Rankin;
July 12, Norman C. Whittemore, as an evangelist.

Installations:

December 4, 1895, Rev. George William Knox, D.D., over the Rye Church;
December 5, Rev. Frank A. Wales, over the Pound Ridge Church;
May 20, 1896, Rev. John B. Appel, over the Gilead Church, Carmel;
June 23, Rev. James H. Rankin, over the Bedford Church.

Minister dismissed:

November 7, 1895, Rev. John Reid, D.D., to the Presbytery of Detroit.

Licentiate transferred:

September 4, 1896, William Edgar Plumley, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Name omitted from the roll:

January 21, 1896, Rev. Robert B. Mattice, transferred by act of the Synod to the Presbytery of New York.

Deceased:

March 3, 1896, at Hartford, Conn., Rev. William G. Jenkins, aged 46 years.

Church omitted from the roll :

January 21, 1896, Throggs Neck, transferred by act of the Synod to the Presbytery of New York.

XXXI. The Presbytery of Western Persia consists of two ministers, with six others on a supplementary roll. [Minutes of General Assembly, 1896.]

SUMMARY.

Ministers	1,196	Licentiates	71
Churches	884	Candidates	142

[The Local Evangelists are included with the Licentiates.]

II. LAWS RELATING TO RELIGIOUS CORPORATIONS.

[Chapter 723, Laws of 1895, has been amended by Chapter 190, Laws of 1896. The amendments, especially applicable to Presbyterian churches, are here given in full. They should be read, however, in connection with the provisions of law printed in the Appendix to the Minutes of 1895, p. 78.]

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

Section 1. The title of article 4 of chapter 723, of the laws of 1895, entitled "An act in relation to religious corporations, constituting chapter 42 of the general laws," is hereby amended to read as follows: Special provisions for the incorporation and government of Reformed Dutch, Presbyterian, Reformed Presbyterian and Lutheran churches.

Section 2. Section 61 of such law is hereby amended to read as follows :

Section 61.—Decision by Lutheran and Presbyterian churches as to system of incorporation and government.—A meeting for the purpose of incorporating an unincorporated Evangelical Lutheran church, or an unincorporated Presbyterian church in connection with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, must be called and held in pursuance of the provisions of the next article of this chapter, except that the first business of such meeting after its organization, shall be to determine whether such church shall be incorporated and governed in pursuance of this article, or in pursuance of the next article of this chapter. If such meeting determines that such church shall be incorporated and governed in pursuance of this article, then no further proceeding shall be taken in pursuance of the next article, and such church may be incorporated and shall be governed after its incorporation in pursuance of the provisions of the following sections of this article, except such provisions as are applicable only to churches of a differ-

ent denomination; and the certificate of incorporation shall recite such determination of such meeting. If such church is an unincorporated Presbyterian church in connection with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and such meeting determine that it shall be incorporated and governed in pursuance of this article, then the meeting shall also determine whether by virtue of their office, the deacons only of such church, or the pastor, elders and deacons of such church, or the pastor and elders of such church, shall be the trustees of such corporation; and the certificate of the incorporation shall recite such determination of such meeting. If such meeting determine that such church shall be incorporated and governed in pursuance of the next article of this chapter, then this article shall not be applicable thereto, but such church may be incorporated and shall be governed after its incorporation in pursuance of the provisions of the next article of this chapter, except such provisions as are applicable to churches of a single religious denomination only.

Section 3. Section 62 of such law is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 62. Incorporation of Reformed Dutch, Presbyterian, Reformed Presbyterian and Evangelical Lutheran churches under this article.—If an unincorporated church in connection with the Reformed Church in America, the true Reformed Dutch Church in the United States of America, the Reformed Presbyterian Church, or with the Evangelical Lutheran Church, determine to incorporate in pursuance of this article, the minister or ministers and the elders and deacons thereof, or if a Presbyterian church in connection with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, the officers determined upon as the trustees thereof by the meeting for incorporation or such of them as may be in office, shall execute, acknowledge and cause to be filed and recorded, a certificate in pursuance of this article. The deacons of a Reformed Presbyterian church may alone sign such certificate if authorized so to do by such church. Such certificate of incorporation shall state the name of the proposed corporation, the county and town, city or village where its principal place of worship is or is intended to be located, and, if it be an Evangelical Lutheran church, or a Presbyterian church in connection with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, the fact that a meeting of such church duly called decided that it be incorporated under this article. If it be signed by the deacons of a Reformed Presbyterian church, it shall state that they were authorized so to do by such church. If it be the certificate of a Presbyterian church in connection with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, it shall recite that the officers signing such certificate were determined upon by the meeting for incorporation to be the trustees of such corporation. On filing such certificate such church shall be a corporation by the name stated therein, and the minister or ministers, if any, and the elders and deacons of such church shall, by virtue of their offices, be the trustees of such corporation, except that if it be a Reformed Presbyterian church, the certificate of incorporation of which shall have been, in pursuance of law, signed by its deacons only, the deacons of such church shall, by virtue of their offices, be the trustees of such corpora-

tion; and except that if it be a Presbyterian church in connection with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, the officers determined upon by the meeting for incorporation shall, by virtue of their offices, be the trustees of such corporation.

Section 4. Section 66 of such law is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 66. Evangelical Lutheran and Presbyterian churches, changing system of electing trustees.—If the trustees of an incorporated Evangelical Lutheran church, or an incorporated Presbyterian church in connection with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, shall at any time be elective in pursuance of the next article of this chapter, the church may, at an annual corporate meeting, if notice thereof be given with the notice of such meeting, determine, if an Evangelical Lutheran church, that the minister or ministers and elders and deacons thereof, or, if a Presbyterian church in connection with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, that the deacons thereof, or the pastor and the elders and the deacons thereof, or the pastor and the elders thereof, shall thereafter constitute the trustees thereof, and thereon the trustees of such church shall sign, acknowledge and cause to be filed and recorded, a certificate stating the fact of such determination, and, if an Evangelical Lutheran church, the names of the minister or ministers, if any, and of the elders and deacons of such church, or if a Presbyterian church in connection with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, the names of the officers determined upon to be the ex-officio trustees thereof; and thereon the terms of office of such elective trustees shall cease, and the minister or ministers, and the elders and deacons of such church, if an Evangelical Lutheran church, or the officers determined upon by such corporate meeting, if a Presbyterian church in connection with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and their successors in office shall, by virtue of their respective offices, be the trustees of such church. If, at any time, the officers of an incorporated Evangelical Lutheran church, or an incorporated Presbyterian church in connection with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, which officers by virtue of their offices constitute the trustees thereof, shall determine to submit to a meeting of such church corporation, the question whether the trustees of such church shall be thereafter elective in pursuance of the next article of this chapter, they shall cause a corporate meeting of such church to be called and held in the manner provided in sections 84 and 85 of this chapter, and such corporate meeting shall determine, whether the trustees of such church shall thereafter be elective in pursuance of the next article of this chapter, and also whether the number of such trustees shall be three, six or nine, and the date of the annual corporate meeting of the church. If such meeting shall determine that such trustees shall thereafter be elective, the presiding officer thereof and at least two other persons present and voting thereat, shall sign, acknowledge and cause to be filed and recorded in the office of the clerk of the county in which the certificate of incorporation of such church is filed, a certificate of such determination of such meeting; and thereafter the trustees of such church shall be elective in pursuance of the

next article of this chapter. At the next annual corporate meeting after the filing of such certificate, one-third of the number of trustees so determined on shall be elected to hold office for one year, one-third for two years, and one-third for three years, and the officers of such church who by virtue of their offices have been trustees of such church, shall then cease to be such trustees, and thereafter article five of this chapter shall apply to such church. At each subsequent annual corporate meeting of such church, one-third of the number of trustees so determined on shall be elected to hold office for three years.

Section 5. Section 80 of such law is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 80. Application of this article.—This article is not applicable to a Protestant Episcopal church, a Roman Catholic church, or to a Christian Orthodox Catholic church of the Eastern Confession. No provision of this article is applicable to a Reformed church in America, a true Reformed Dutch church in the United States of America, a Presbyterian church in connection with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, a Reformed Presbyterian church or to an Evangelical Lutheran church, incorporated after October 1, 1895, except as declared to be so applicable by the next preceding article of this chapter; this article is applicable to such a church incorporated before October 1, 1895, if the trustees thereof were then elective as such, and so long as they continue to be elective as such. The next preceding article of this chapter is applicable to such a church incorporated before October 1, 1895, if its trustees were not then elective as such and so long as its trustees continue not to be elective as such. This article is applicable to churches of all other denominations.

Section 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

[Became a law April 1, 1896, by the approval of the Governor.]

III. ELMIRA COLLEGE.

1. Board of Trustees.

Term Expiring in 1897.

John I. Nicks,
J. Sloat Fassett,
Rev. Wilson Phraner, D. D.,
Seymour Dexter,
Mrs. Howard Elmer,
Louis G. Rathbun.

Term Expiring in 1898.

Francis Hall,
William R. Rathbun,
Rev. William T. Henry, D. D.,
Rev. George H. McKnight, D. D.,
John S. Bussing,
Mrs. Helen B. Turner, A. B.

Term Expiring in 1899.

Rev. Augustus W. Cowles, D. D., Mallory D. Schoonmaker,
Rev. Isaac Jennings, D. D., H. Austin Clark,
Rev. A. Cameron Mackenzie, D. D., Hubert C. Mandeville,
Mrs. Helen M. McWilliams.

2. BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

Term Expiring in 1897.—Rev. Samuel Dunham, Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, Prof. Philip M. Hull.

Term Expiring in 1898.—Rev. Alfred J. Hutton, D. D., Rev. Allen F. De Camp, Rev. Samuel W. Pratt.

Term Expiring in 1899.—Rev. James Gardner, D. D., Rev. Peter R. Ross, Prof. Ezra J. Peck.

IV. THE WOMAN'S COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Presbytery of Albany—Mrs. Isaac V. W. Grant, Mrs. Willard Heacock, Mrs. Lucy C. Lester, Mrs. William J. Milne, Mrs. James Hyde Pratt, Mrs. Andrew V. V. Raymond, Mrs. Stephen Sanford, Mrs. William N. Strong.

Binghamton—Mrs. Junius J. Cowles, Mrs. Charles Gale, Mrs. Josiah S. Leverett, Mrs. G. Parsons Nichols, Miss Editha Stephens.

Boston—Mrs. T. F. Hershey, Mrs. Martin D. Kneeland, Mrs. James A. F. McBain, Mrs. Kenneth McKay, Mrs. Eben M. McPherson, Mrs. John P. Newell.

Brooklyn—Mrs. James Cruikshank, Mrs. Delos E. Finks, Mrs. Lewis R. Foote, Mrs. William A. M. Grier, Mrs. James M. Ham, Mrs. Darwin R. James, Miss Ella McKee, Mrs. David M. Miller, Mrs. Grace N. Thatcher.

Buffalo—Mrs. John C. Bryant, Mrs. Henry Childs, Mrs. Fred. R. Eaton, Mrs. Alfred Haines, Mrs. J. F. Miner, Mrs. William H. Walker, Mrs. William F. Wheeler.

Cayuga—Mrs. Edward H. Adriance, Mrs. Arthur S. Hoyt, Mrs. Ezra A. Huntington, Mrs. James Seymour, Mrs. Lydia B. Welch, Mrs. Henry G. Wise.

Champlain—Miss Williamine Childs, Mrs. Charles S. Judd, Mrs. Charles L. Knapp, Mrs. Laura M. Nye, Miss Mary E. Whiteside.

Chemung—Mrs. Allen F. DeCamp, Mrs. H. B. Jackson, Mrs. William Pellett, Mrs. Alexander O. Peloubet.

Columbia—Mrs. Truman Johnson, Mrs. George C. Yeisley.

Genesee—Miss Fanny J. Buxton, Mrs. Augustus Frank, Mrs. Gardner Fuller, Mrs. Butler Ward.

Geneva—Mrs. Howard Cornell, Mrs. Edwin H. Dickinson, Mrs. Nahum Grimes, Mrs. Anna Herendeen, Mrs. Thompson C. Maxwell.

Hudson—Mrs. Frances V. Boak, Mrs. David F. Bonner, Mrs. Mary S. Marsh, Mrs. Thomas Nichols, Mrs. Alexander Thompson, Mrs. Mary Wood.

Long Island—Miss Sara J. Adams, Miss Mary H. Howell, Mrs. H. M. Howell, Mrs. William H. Littell.

Lyons—Mrs. A. Parke Burgess, Mrs. Horace Eaton, Mrs. Russell F. Stoddard, Mrs. Phebe A. Vary.

Nassau—Miss Florence N. McCormick, Mrs. Ellen L. Mowbray, Mrs. Peter D. Oakey, Mrs. Alexander G. Russell.

New York—Mrs. Oscar E. Boyd, Mrs. Silas B. Brownell, Mrs. Edward N. Crosby, Mrs. William F. Lee, Miss S. F. Lincoln, Mrs. John C. Martin, Mrs. John Sinclair, Mrs. Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, Mrs. W. H. Wickham.

Niagara—Mrs. Daniel Clark, Mrs. Joshua S. Helmer, Mrs. Claudius L. Hoag, Mrs. Robert Norton, Mrs. Edward H. Rudd.

North River—Miss Fannie Blakes, Mrs. Myra V. W. Brinkerhoff, Mrs. Leroy C. Cooley, Miss Anna S. Ludlum, Miss Mary F. Mackie.

Otsego—Miss Mary L. Abell, Miss Sarah Crandall, Mrs. Elihu P. Phinney, Mrs. Leonard F. Richards.

Rochester—Mrs. Helen Bristol, Mrs. Louis Chapin, Mrs. Thomas Chester, Mrs. Julia M. Davis, Mrs. Josiah E. Kittredge, Miss Frances H. Lauderdale, Mrs. Helen S. Sylvester, Mrs. Carrie E. West.

St. Lawrence.—Mrs. Charles Anthony, Mrs. D. C. Griffith, Miss Parnell F. Hubbard, Mrs. L. Merrill Miller, Mrs. Alonzo A. Smith.

Steuben—Mrs. Joel D. Gillett, Mrs. George W. Nichols, Mrs. Stanley C. Swift, Mrs. Russell M. Tuttle, Mrs. Francis A. Williams.

Syracuse—Mrs. James O. Bennett, Mrs. Margaret R. Cowan, Mrs. Nancy E. Dow, Mrs. De Witt Gardner, Mrs. I. B. Poucher, Mrs. William M. Smith, Mrs. Orson L. White.

Troy—Mrs. William V. Baker, Mrs. Norman Cole, Mrs. B. F. McNitt, Miss Lucy H. Sherman, Mrs. Robert B. Stiles, Mrs. R. Halstead Ward.

Utica—Miss Helen C. Blue, Mrs. Anna L. Greenman, Mrs. Jonathan B. Morse, Mrs. M. Woolsey Stryker, Mrs. William R. Terrett, Mrs. I. N. Terry.

Westchester—Mrs. Thornton M. Niven, Mrs. Helen C. Parsons, Mrs. J. F. Pingry, Mrs. Daniel E. Provost, Mrs. John H. Randall, Miss Olivia B. Walsh, Miss Cornelia B. Wheeler.

V. OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

Changes in Names and Addresses.

NEW YORK: Rev. George W. F. Birch, D. D., *Treasurer*, 677 East 136th St., New York.

ROCHESTER: Mr. Frank M. Ellery, *Treasurer*, Security Trust Co., Rochester.

STEUBEN: Rev. James A. Miller, Ph. D., *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*, Angelica.

VI. TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD.

President: William Allen Butler, Esq., New York.
Secretary: Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., New York.
Term Expiring in 1897: Rev. Henry M. MacCracken, D. D., Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D., William Allen Butler, Thomas G. Ritch.
Term Expiring in 1898: Rev. George Alexander, D. D., Rev. Charles Cuthbert Hall, D. D., James H. Yereance, Charles Henderson.
Term Expiring in 1899: Rev. Charles S. Robinson, D. D., Rev. Robert F. Sample, D. D., William A. Wheelock, John J. McCook.
Ex-officio: Ralph E. Prime, Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., Rev. J. Wilford Jacks.

VII. SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD.

	Name.	Presbytery.	Place.
1882.	HENRY A. NELSON, D. D., *Convener*	Geneva	Utica
"	HOWARD CROSBY, D. D.	New York	Utica
1883.	JAMES MCLEOD, D. D.	Buffalo	New York
1884.	JOHN MCC. HOLMES, D. D.	Albany	Buffalo
1885.	L. MERRILL MILLER, D. D.	St. Lawrence	Troy
1886.	JOSEPH E. NASSAU, D. D.	Genesee	Elmira
1887.	CHARLES C. WALLACE, D. D.	Boston	Auburn
1888.	T. RALSTON SMITH, D. D.	Buffalo	Syracuse
1889.	SAMUEL JESSUP, D. D.	Utica	Poughkeepsie
1890.	ANDREW V. V. RAYMOND, D. D.	Albany	Lockport
1891.	ASA S. FISKE, D. D.	Cayuga	Watertown
1892.	LEVI PARSONS, D. D.	Rochester	Albany
1893.	JAMES GARDNER, D. D.	Albany	Rochester
1894.	GEORGE C. YEISLEY, D. D.	Columbia	New York
1895.	HOWARD DUFFIELD, D. D.	New York	Binghamton
1896.	RALPH E. PRIME (Elder)	Westchester	Brooklyn

VIII. EXTRACTS FROM THE STANDING RULES.

I.

The Annual Meeting of the Synod shall begin on the third Tuesday of October, at half-past seven o'clock P. M.

III.

Each Presbytery shall, at its stated meeting next preceding the meeting of the Synod, and if possible not later than two weeks before such meeting, elect the number of delegates to which it is entitled, together with an equal number of alternates, as prescribed by the organic rule under which the Synod is constituted, namely:

"The Synod of New York shall be composed of equal delegations of ministers and ruling elders from each Presbytery in the following proportion: each Presbytery, the number of whose ministers and churches taken together is not more than 14, shall send one minister and one elder; each Presbytery containing more than 14 and not more than 28 ministers and churches taken together, shall send two ministers and two elders; and so in like proportion for every additional number of 14 ministers and churches taken together, or for the fraction thereof; *provided*, that no Presbytery shall be entitled to send more than ten ministers and ten elders."

IV.

The Stated Clerk of each Presbytery, immediately after the election, shall send to the Stated Clerk of the Synod a certified list of the delegates and alternate delegates chosen by the Presbytery to represent it at the Synod; and from these lists shall be made up the official roll.

At the calling of the roll at the opening session, the names of the principals who have thus been reported, or of alternates duly substituted, shall be included; but when alternate delegates appear in place of their principals, such delegates shall report in person privately to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, before their names shall be substituted upon the roll for those of their principals.

Duplicate lists of delegates and alternates shall be sent promptly by the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries to the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

VII.

A complete roll of the ministers and churches of each Presbytery shall be sent by its Stated Clerk to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, at least ten days before the annual meeting.

VIII.

Each Presbytery, immediately after its Fall Stated Meeting, shall forward to the Stated Clerk of the Synod a Statistical Report and History of its Acts and Changes, for the year preceding, as required by the Form of Government, Chap. X., Sec. 9. These reports shall be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

XIV.

To provide for the necessary expenses of the Synod, the several Presbyteries shall furnish, annually, amounts proportioned respectively to the number of their communicants, according to a rate *per capita* determined at the previous meeting of the Synod. And if no action has been taken, the rate shall be six mills for each communicant. This sum shall be due and payable to the Treasurer on the first of October, when the Synod's fiscal year shall terminate.

XVII.

The Minutes of the Synod shall be printed, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, as soon as practicable after the adjournment; and a copy shall be sent to every minister, to every elder whose name is on the roll of the Synod, and to the Session of each vacant church, within the bounds, severally, of those Presbyteries whose apportionments for Synodical expenses have been paid.

IX. PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

I. Synodical Aid.

Ministers—L. Merrill Miller, John McC. Holmes, Asa S. Fiske, T. Ralston Smith, George Alexander, William H. Littell; *Elders*—Theodore S. Hubbard, Horace B. Silliman, Joseph C. Batchelor, Albert P. Stevens.

II. Systematic Beneficence.

Ministers—Charles A. Richmond, William S. Hubbell, George C. Yeisley, Samuel V. V. Holmes; *Elders*—Francis A. Board, John H. Osborne.

III. Boards of the Church, Etc.

I. Home Missions: *Ministers*—Allen Macy Dulles, Charles H. Baldwin, William F. Whitaker, A. Russell Stevenson; *Elders*—Edward N. Dauchy, Louis W. Pratt, Orrin Day.

II. Foreign Missions: *Ministers*—J. Balcom Shaw, J. Ritchie Smith, Newell Woolsey Wells, John E. Adams, George S. Webster, Henry T. McEwen; *Elders*—John F. Winslow, A. Noel Blakeman, Theodore Gilman, Henry M. Lester, James Yereance, Neilson Olcott.

III. Education: *Ministers*—Gerard B. F. Hallock, George B. Spalding, Willis J. Beecher, J. Lovejoy Robertson; *Elders*—John E. Meyer, Henry Hooker, James W. Eager.

IV. Publication and Sabbath School Work: *Ministers*—A. Woodruff Halsey, John T. Wilds, John E. Adams, Daniel H. Overton; *Elders*—William R. Worrall, Russell W. McKee, William McCarroll.

V. Church Erection: *Ministers*—Martin D. Kneeland, Warren R. Cochrane, Charles S. Dewing, James M. Craig; *Elders*—John Gilchrist, Ebenezer M. McPherson, Oliver O. Jones.

VI. Ministerial Relief: *Ministers*—George C. Yeisley, Cornelius S. Stowitts, Alfonso R. Olney, William M. Johnson; *Elders*—James B. Jermain, William H. Doughty, T. Romeyn Bunn.

VII. Freedmen: *Ministers*—Samuel T. Clarke, William Burnett Wright, Anthony H. Evans, Duncan Cameron; *Elders*—Edward C. Warner, Marcus A. G. Meads, Edward W. Skinner.

VIII. Aid for Colleges: *Ministers*—E. Huntting Rudd, Asa S. Fiske, Henry H. Stebbins, William R. Taylor; *Elders*—Charles F. Pond, Horace Briggs, Frank M. Ellery.

IX. Young People's Societies: *Ministers*—Samuel W. Pratt, Edward M. Deems, Alfred J. Hutton, Warren D. More, Louis F. Ruf; *Elders*—Philip M. Hull, Richard H. Bloom, Harry C. Heermans, Herbert J. Hunn.

X. CHAIRMEN OF OTHER COMMITTEES.

1. Arrangements: *Minister*—Thomas J. Brown, p. 23.
2. Place of Meeting in 1898: The Moderator.
3. Services at Summer Resorts: *Elder*—Ralph E. Prime, p. 23.
4. Indian Industrial School: *Minister*—William S. Hubbell, p. 37.
5. Auburn Seminary: *Minister*—G. Parsons Nichols, p. 43.
6. Hamilton College: *Minister*—Wallace W. Thorpe, p. 43.
7. New York University: *Minister*—J. Howard Hobbs, p. 43.
8. Church Temporalities: *Elder*—Ralph E. Prime, p. 59.
9. Lord's Day Observance: *Minister*—Joseph Gamble, p. 61.
10. Plan of Synodical Aid: *Minister*—J. McClellan Holmes, pp. 44, 61.

INDEX.

PAGE

Absence, Report on Leave of 61
" Reasons for, sustained 61
Absent at Adjournment without leave 63
Acts and Changes of Presbyteries 65
Adirondack Region, Work in 26, 41
Aid for Colleges, Address, and Report on 24, 49
Approval of Records of Presbyteries 40
Armenian Refugees 53
Armenians, Persecution of 46
Arrangements, Report of Committee of 8
" Committee of, for 1897 23
Auburn Theological Seminary, Report of Visitors 24
" " " Visitors to, appointed 43

Baptist Association, L. I., Delegates from 38
Beneficence, Report on 14
Bills and Overtures, Report of Committee on 44
Bills ordered to be paid 60

Chairmen of Committees to report in 1897 98
Change of Name of Synod, Report of Committee on 40
Church Erection, Report on 57
Classis of Long Island, Message from 13
Clerks, Temporary, elected 8
Cochrane, Charles E., Petition of 14, 26
Committees, Permanent 97
" Standing 10
Complaint against Presbytery of New York 14, 59
Congress, Missionary, Report of 45
Corporations, Laws Relating to Religious 89
Corresponding Member 19

Defense of Synod in the Assembly 51, 60

Education, Report on 25
Elmira College, Board of Trustees 53, 92

PAGE

Elmira College, Endowment of 33
" " Examiners 53, 93
" " " Report of 32
Exceptions to Records of Presbyteries 40, 41

Finance Committee, Report of 60
Foreign Missions, Report on 33
Freedmen, Address and Report on Missions for 35, 52

General Assembly, Report on Minutes of 60

Hamilton College, Report of Visitors 56
" " Visitors to, appointed 43
Home Missions, Report on 42
" " Woman's Committee on 61, 93
" " " " " Report of 52

Imperfectly Organized Churches, Report on 50
Indian Industrial School, Report on 36

Judicial Business, Reports of Committee on 26, 27, 35, 37
" Commission appointed 38, 43, 47
" " Report of 59

Laws Relating to Religious Corporations 89
Leave of Absence, Report on 61
Long Island Baptist Association 38
Lord's Day, Committee on Observance of 61
" " Report on Observance of 20
Lord's Supper 20

Ministerial Relief, Report on 52
Minutes of General Assembly, Report on 60
Missionary Congress, Fourth Report of 45
Moderator elected 8
" Sermon of 3
Moderators, Succession of 95

Name of Synod, Report of Committee on 40
Next Meeting, Report on Place of 23

Officers of the Synod 2
" of Presbyteries, Changes in 95

PAGE
Papers reported and referred 14, 27, 23
Permanent Committees 97
Persecution of Armenians 46
Place of Meeting in 1897, Report on 23
Popular Meetings for Missions 27, 44
Presbyteries, Approval of Records of 40
" Changes in Officers of 95
" Committees on Records of 11
" Exceptions to Records of 40, 41
" Records of, not presented 41
" Statistical Reports of 65
Press Association, New York 35
Protest of Dr. James G. Patterson 60
" Answer to 60, 63
Public Morals, Legislation on 36
Publication, Report on 54
Purity in Literature and Art 35, 36

Records of Presbyteries, see "Presbyteries."
Roll of the Synod 3

Sabbath School Work, Report on 54
Sermon of the Moderator 3
Sessions and Trustees, Relations of 23
Standing Committees 10
" " discharged 63
Standing Rules 96
Statistical Reports of Presbyteries 65
Storrs, Rev. Richard S., D. D., LL. D., Reception of 27
Succession of Moderators 95
Summary of Statistical Reports 89
Summer Resorts, Services at 23
Superintendent, Synodical 2, 49
" " Report of 19
Synodical Aid, Committee on Plan of 44, 61
" " Report on 19, 47
Systematic Beneficence, Report on 14

Temperance, Report of Committee on 57
Temporal Affairs of the Churches, Reports on 23, 59
Temporary Clerks elected 8
Thanks, Resolution of 61
Treasurer's Report 43

PAGE

Trustees and Sessions, Committee on Relation of 23
Trustees of the Synod 53, 95

University of New York, Visitors to, appointed 43
" " " " Visitors, Report of 41

Vice-Moderator appointed 10

Woman's Committee on Home Missions 61, 93
" " " " Report of 52

Young People's Societies, Committee on 40
" " " Report on 38